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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Through The Gulf

THE arrival of an American tanker at the Israeli port of Eilat in the Gulf of Aqaba is being hailed by the Jewish people as a victory — if not for the principle of free passage in the waterway, then as an indication that America supports Israel's right to unmolested passage. But it is a little early to come to any definite conclusion. It must be remembered that the United Nations Emergency Force now commands the Straits of Tiran at the mouth of the gulf, instead of Egyptian forces.

It is possible that ships of any flag will be able to use the gulf without fear of Arab interference as long as United Nations troops maintain their present positions, but as soon as they move, Egypt may try to assert the authority it claims in the area.

It is doubtful even if it is allowed to restore gun positions at Sharm el Sheikh that Egypt would go to the extreme of using them against any but Israeli ships, but the possibility that this might one day happen ought to be considered now while the UN is still in authority. If guns are not used against foreign flag ships, armed patrol boats may turn back merchantmen bound for Eilat. To guard against possibilities such as these, a ruling on the status of the gulf from the International Court of Justice is desirable.

It is surprising indeed that no approach to the Court has yet been made. It should not be necessary to wait for a major crisis to put such a process into motion. If nothing is done now it seems reasonable to assume that Egypt and possibly Saudi Arabia will attempt to assert their authority later and the consequences can only be harmful in an area where peace has a tenuous existence at the best of times.

Street Names

THE latest Government gazette reveals that Hongkong and Kowloon have a total of seven new street names. Three are Chinese and four English. The streets may or may not have to be extended at some future date, but if they are it is hoped that the same Romanisation of the Chinese names will be retained, or if it is changed that the old street name plates will be made to conform.

It will be appreciated that if the principle of a standard spelling is accepted it needs to be applied in the first instance to existing street and district names. For instance, there are at least two different though perhaps not current spellings of Pokfulam and Wan-chai, doubtless the result of different committees set up in the past. But is this any reason why the old and probably imperfect Romanisation should be retained?

Scholars naturally differ in their view of the best phonetic equivalent. It is arguable whether Wan Tsai, as the Post Office is still called, or Wanchai is the best, and Pokfulam, Pokfulum and Pofoolum all have their protagonists but the result is untidy and, to the visitor, confusing.

These are only two examples and it is not intended to suggest that these divergencies are widespread. They do, however, exist and no attempt has apparently been made to put the matter right. Advice from newspapers which are equally guilty of inconsistency in these matters may appear gratuitous. But it is fair to ask Government to set the example since street naming is its responsibility and since it has an advisory committee for this purpose.

Tories Expect Thorneycroft To Aid Middle Classes

BIG BUDGET RELIEF FORECAST

RISING COST OF LIVING ANXIETY

London, Apr. 7. Members of Parliament forecast today that the Government's annual budget on Tuesday will bring substantial reliefs to Britain's middle and fixed-income class, whose support for the Conservative Party has recently been shown to be waning. Coupled with this, politicians expect positive measures aimed to step up production so that national economy, heavily affected by the recent Suez crisis, can be speedily restored to normal.

Wave Of Despair Over

Immigration Ban

HUNGARIANS COMMIT SUICIDE

Vienna, Apr. 7. Four Hungarian refugees have committed suicide and 44 others attempted to kill themselves in a wave of despair which swept the refugee camps in Austria when the news spread that the United States has halted immigration, it was learned here today.

Reliable sources said that Father Bernhard Tonko reported at a meeting of the Foreign Voluntary Relief Agencies yesterday that four Hungarians have committed suicide while 44 others had attempted to end their lives. The sources said Tonko gave no further details on the suicides and the agencies met to discuss how to prevent nervous breakdowns, suicides and unrest among Hungarian refugees who were "shocked when they learned that there was practically no hope for them to be accepted by the US," the sources said.

NERVOUS BREAKDOWNS

Mrs. Leopold Unger, Director of the Austrian Caritas, said she feared that the "extremely high suicide rate among the Hungarian refugees" would increase as a result of the latest reports. According to Ministry of Interior officials there are still some 40,000 Hungarian refugees in Austria. At least 15,000 of them have registered for immigration to the United States. Charlotte Teuber, chief social worker at the refugee camps at Aralskirchen, said at least 200 boys and girls of the camp's 300 youth suffered nervous breakdowns over the weekend.

"In order to avoid a disaster we distributed sleeping tablets and separated the dangerous cases and talked to them for many hours to calm them down," she said—United Press.

Rail Disaster

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 7. At least 20 persons were killed today and 14 seriously injured when a passenger train crashed into a halted freight train at the Mogno station of suburban Madureira, it was reported tonight.

Railway officials said the 30-car electric passenger train ignored signals. The passenger train engineer and chief machinist were among the dead.—United Press.

BBC DEFENDS

Birmingham, Apr. 7. The British Broadcasting Corporation tonight came out in defence of a sports commentator who swore during a television programme last night. Replying to angry protests from viewers, the BBC spokesman said: "Although we regret that anyone under stress is likely to express himself in strong and un-

Government reverses in a recent series of Parliamentary by-elections have given Mr Harold Macmillan's new administration clear pointers to the cases of disaffection in its ranks.

Outstanding among them is anxiety over the continually rising cost of living. This is having serious effects on the nation's professional and middle-class income groups, from which in the past Conservatives have derived much steadfast support. Recent retraction measures by the Government, including a defence streamlining which will save £75 million sterling this year, have raised the hopes of the Government's Parliamentary rank-and-file that it will produce a budget calculated to restore bruised Conservative prestige.

UNDER FIRE

The Conservative backbenchers have been under sustained fire in their constituencies because of mounting living costs. Between 50 and 60 of them, who represent small-majority divisions in Parliament, have been watching with anxiety the recent by-elections which included one Government defeat and all-round drops in majorities. They have feared that if a general (Contd. on back page, Col. 3)

Queen Informed Of Budget Proposals

London, Apr. 7. Mr Peter Thorneycroft, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight called on Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace to inform her of his budget proposals. This pre-budget call on the sovereign is a traditional courtesy.—Reuter.

BEARD AND TURBAN BARS EMPLOYMENT

Nottingham, Apr. 7. Mr Gulwant Sardar-Johi, a 42-year-old Sikh, today told a conference on racial problems here that he had been refused employment as a bus conductor by the Nottingham city transport department because he would not shave off his beard or remove his turban.

Mr Sardar-Johi, a former local government officer in India, added that he had written to the Queen and the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, about the incident. He told the conference, organised by Nottingham's Council of Social Service: "My beard and turban are symbols of my religion. 'My race good by the British in India and I do not deserve such treatment over here. 'If there is any regulation preventing my employment because I wear a beard and turban I think it should be altered.'"

COMMENTATOR WHO SWORE

equivocal terms." Viewers had telephoned their protests to the BBC regional studios here after the commentator's lapse during a television programme last night. During the confusion sports commentator David Coleman was seen on the screen and heard to say: "Yes, I thought you made a (swear word) of that." A BBC spokesman today com-

Importation Of Brides Through Hongkong

Washington, Apr. 7. The State Department is disturbed over the "ever-increasing" number of Chinese-American men who are importing brides from China. Mr Scott McLeod, head of the Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, said American diplomats at Hongkong are concerned with the problem of visa fraud in this connection. Mr McLeod outlined before a House Appropriations Sub-Committee what the Department is doing to combat the illegal entry

of Chinese into this country. His testimony, given on February 12 behind closed doors, was published today. Mr McLeod said that for more than 50 years, the Chinese "have resorted to various devices" to evade US immigration laws. He said they have been aided by "unscrupulous attorneys, racketeers, smugglers and brokers," who sell false documents. Mr McLeod added 102 employees to its staff at Hongkong in the second half of 1956 to screen

immigrants and turn up any cases of fraud. This staff should be able to complete 1,140 investigations in the coming fiscal year, he testified.

Mr McLeod said one phase of the problem involves Chinese-American men who go to Hongkong, marry women who have recently left China, and bring them here as non-quota immigrant wives. The staff increase, he said, should allow a closer check of such cases where fraud is suspected.—United Press.

NASSER UNYIELDING OVER THE CANAL

Washington, Apr. 7. A State Department spokesman today described Suez Canal negotiations between the United States and Egypt as "still inconclusive."

With the full reopening of the Canal only two days off, the spokesman added that the negotiations on plans for Canal operation were continuing, but that Cairo and Washington had reached no agreements.

Direct diplomatic negotiations opened more than a week ago on the basis of President Nasser's memorandum calling for full operation and management of the Canal by the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority.

World Citizen Finds Sanctuary In Monastery

Dublin, Apr. 7. Lee Durling, bearded self-styled "world citizen," who gave up his United States citizenship in Paris two years ago, has at last found asylum in an Irish monastery, it was learned today.

Believed to have slipped out of France in a fishing trawler after years of wandering in Europe, Durling is now staying as a guest in Glenstal Benedictine Monastery in County Limerick. No action will be taken against him by the Irish Government.

Durling spent most of his time in France in jail for having no legal papers. After landing in County Cork, Ireland, he expected to be sent back to France. Friends who learned of his distress requested the Irish Government to let him stay.

Durling said: "My thanks to the Irish Government for this break. I hope to be a good citizen and shall try to get work."

The Irish police insisted that Durling must conform to all the laws on aliens and must inform them of his movements periodically.

Durling's troubles began during the second world war when he was jailed for refusing to join the United States forces and for preaching pacifism.—France-Press.

Give Red China UN Seat Plea

Koenigswinter, Apr. 7. Mr Peter Kirk, Conservative Member of Parliament for Gravesend, today called for an attempt by the West to encourage People's China to be more independent of Russia.

He said People's China should be given a seat in the United Nations. The United States had opposed this on the ground China had been an aggressor in Korea.

But if this ground was accepted the Soviet Union should not be a member because of her aggression in Hungary, and a good part of the world would probably feel that Britain and France should be barred because of Suez.—Reuter.

Mayor Not For The High Jump

Blackpool, Apr. 7. The swimming pool superintendent in this seaside resort said today he had managed to persuade Blackpool's 70-year-old mayor not to open the season with a 30 feet high dive.

The Mayor, Alderman Herbert Henson, had announced his intention of opening Blackpool's swimming pool season in June by a dive from the top (10 metres) board.

Officials supported the idea on the ground that it would be good publicity for Blackpool. But the swimming pool superintendent, Mr Jack Hillingworth, told reporters today he had prevailed on the mayor not to dive from the high board but to use the three-metre spring-board.

BRUISES & ACES

Mr Hillingworth said that the oldest person who had used the high board complained afterwards of multiple bruises and aches in every limb. Pointing out that the speed on hitting the water from the high board was about 35 miles per hour, Mr Hillingworth commented: "I could not let the Mayor go on with it. 'The idea might easily have misled and it would have done neither the mayor nor Blackpool any good to have him carried off on a stretcher.'—China Mail Special.

IS THIS BRITAIN'S H-BOMB SECRET?

London, Apr. 7. Britain may use old-fashioned explosives, like TNT, to hold together the H-bombs it will explode this Spring, instead of dangerously radioactive uranium like the first American and Soviet thermonuclear devices.

The authoritative London Sunday Times reported this today, and scientific sources gave their support to the idea tonight.

It is known that the hydrogen fuel of the H-bomb must be held in an iron grip at the moment of explosion or most of its force will be lost.

Most metals cannot be used because they would become terribly radioactive. The fuel would be far greater than from ordinary A-bombs.

The Sunday Times suggested that instead of metal, British nuclear weapons chief Sir William Penney has designed a container made of shaped charges of conventional explosives.

This explosive container would be set off an instant before the main H-bomb blast is triggered, the force of the conventional explosives pressing inward would hold the bomb together while the hydrogen fuel explodes.

F-F DEVICES

"A bomb of this kind would contain no more uranium than a small atomic bomb," its scientific correspondent wrote.

Previous H-bombs have been described as fusion-fission devices. This is because they used an A-bomb as primer to set off the thermonuclear blast which in turn started another fission reaction in the outer uranium shell of the bomb.

It is assumed Britain's first H-bomb will use the small-detonator. But with a "clean" shell of shaped conventional explosive there would be no need for a fall-out forming outer shell.

Scientific sources confirmed that only such a design could provide an H-bomb as safe as Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and other British spokesmen have promised.—United Press.

New Far East RAF C-in-C

London, Apr. 7. The Air Ministry announced today that Air Marshal the Earl of Bandon is to become Commander-in-Chief, Far East Air Force, in July. He is 52. His place as Commander-in-Chief, Second Tactical Air Force, is to be taken by Air Vice-Marshal John Humphrey Edwards Jones, 51, with the acting rank of Air Marshal. This appointment is effective from June.—Reuter.

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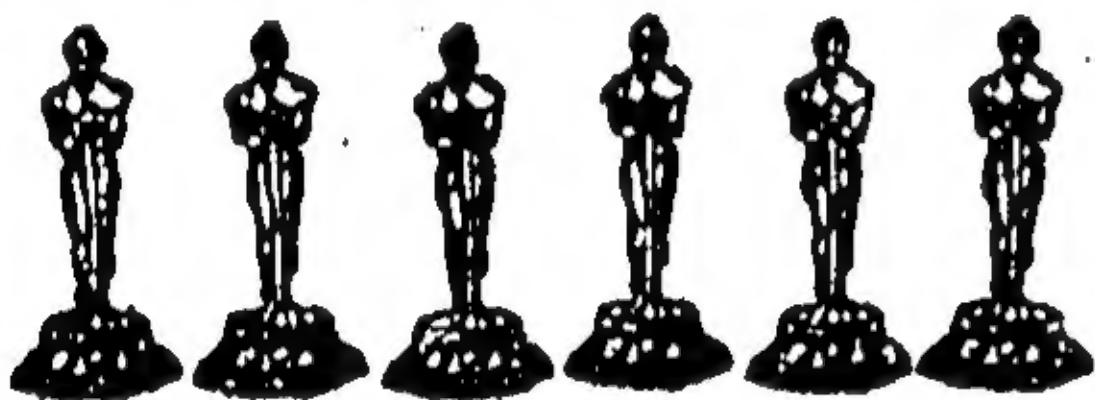
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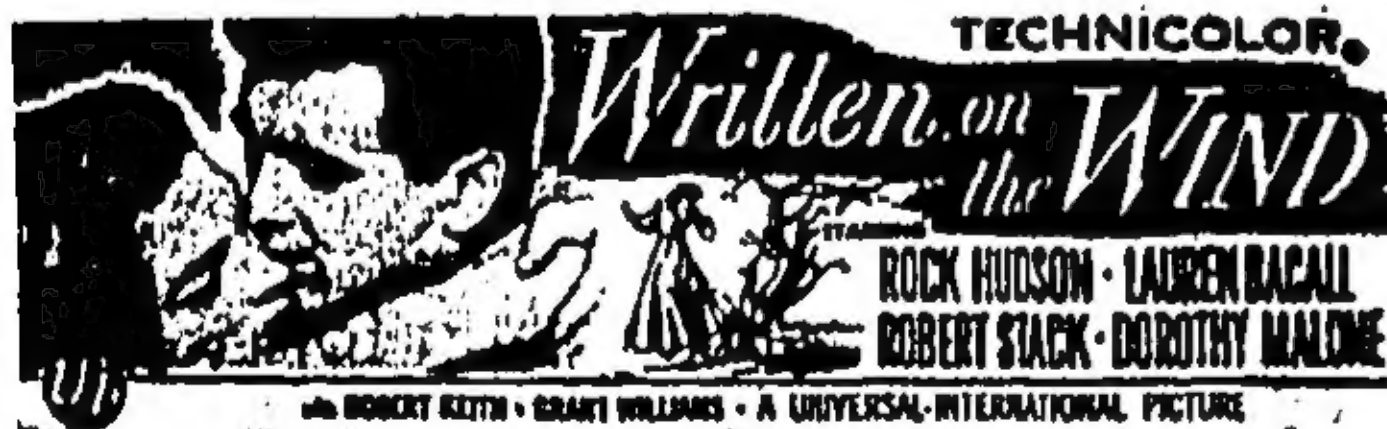
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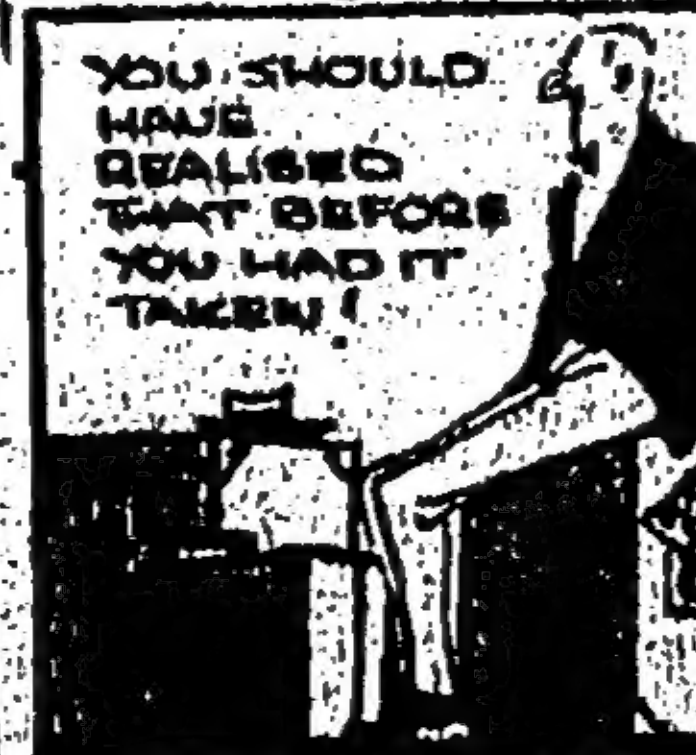
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Mollet Condemns Army Critics

But: 'I Must Know The Truth'

Paris, Apr. 7. French Premier Guy Mollet today but said a committee will investigate charges of "torture" in Algeria because "I must know the truth."

Mollet was paying an official visit to Tourcoing and spoke while visiting a boys' school here.

"I condemn those who believe that our representatives are torturers," he said, "but I must know the truth. It is that which motivated the investigating committee which is charged with looking for and speaking the truth."

"If an error has been committed, it was not for the benefit of France and to denounce it will be to the grandeur of France and her army," Mollet said.

CLAMOUR MOUNTING

He spoke as clamour mounted in France over charges of army abuses in Algeria.

Today the Radical Socialist Party wound up a congress by coming to the defence of the army.

The party paid special attention to recent mounting criticism of alleged army "excesses" in Algeria which spurred the Government to appoint a committee to "protect liberties in Algeria."

Their motion said the party "resolved to defend the army against all attacks. The Radical Socialist Party refuses to believe in the massacres and tortures of which some persons have accused our fighters and protests against the derogatory addresses to the soldiers as executioners and bows with respect before the sacrifices of those who fall each day in just combat."

The party also called for the creation of a specialised force "capable of meeting the atomic threat."—United Press.

Israel Lifts Travel Restrictions

Jerusalem, Apr. 7. The Military Government of Galilee today lifted some restrictions on travel which were among the security measures applied to the Arab and Druze population living in Israel.

These persons may move about now without getting special permission.

The ruling affects especially the Druze who served in the Israeli army.

Israel's Druze population totals some 18,000 people.—France-Press.

'TUBE-GIRL' ABLE TO GO TO UK FOR TREATMENT

Singapore, Apr. 7. A MOST heart-throbbing drama took place in Singapore during the week in a desperate bid to save from starvation and slow death a pretty 17-year-old Tamil girl, who after drinking caustic soda, could no longer swallow anything through the mouth.

Five operations were performed on her in Kuala Lumpur but to no effect. She had to be fed through a rubber tube thrust into her stomach.

The last recourse was a journey to Britain for specialist treatment. But the "Tube-Girl,"

Govindammah, who belonged to a very poor Indian family of Batu Arang, could not afford the cost of this trip.

Govindammah had drunk caustic soda three years ago, when she was only 14, in an act of despair, because her family had no money to pay for her studies. Since then her health condition had considerably deteriorated.

Recently, she came to Singapore to be examined at the General Hospital, and the doctors advised her to go to Britain.

A Singapore newspaper, whose reporters heard of the girl's

plight, immediately started a fund to send her to London. A sum of \$48,000 was needed. Within six days, the necessary sum was subscribed by generous donors.

Govindammah when she heard the good news told a reporter: "Can I start packing now? I did not know there are so many kind people in Malaya. How wonderful to get well again. I can now begin a new life. If I get well through the operation in Britain, which I am sure I will, I wish to resume my studies."—France-Press.

MARQUIS OF SALISBURY



The Marquis of Salisbury, whose resignation from the Macmillan Government was one of the most sensational political events in Britain for years, shown arriving at the Privy Seal Office in Whitehall to bid farewell to his staff.—Central Press Photo.

N. Vietnam And Poland Attack Western Pacts

Hanoi, Apr. 7. North Vietnam and Poland, in a joint communique today attacked the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, remilitarisation of West Germany and the Atlantic and Bagdad pacts.

The communique, signed last night at the tail-end of a visit here by a Polish delegation, also denounced colonialism and "imperialist" forces which it said threaten peaceful co-existence in the Middle East.

The communique said that North Vietnam welcomed Poland's headway in bolstering democracy and socialism along Leninist principles while taking into account conditions in Poland.

The two nations reasserted their desire to go ahead with building socialism along Marxist-Leninist lines and reinforcing unity in the Socialist camp.

Brotherly Support

The two nations will continue to give brotherly support to the Hungarian people and the Government of Premier János Kadar, the communique said.

The communique called for disarmament, collective security, peace, admission of China to the United Nations and friendly co-operation with Asian-African nations.

The two nations expressed deep discontent over difficulties encountered so far in applying the Geneva agreements of 1954 on the Indo-China armistice. They said they hoped these obstacles would be overcome and that the international commission would complete its mission and establish Vietnam unity. Poland is a member of the commission.—France-Press.

Hartnell In Paris

Paris, Apr. 7. Norman Hartnell, Queen Elizabeth's dress designer, arrived in Paris by air tonight.

Hartnell, who has produced all of Queen Elizabeth's dresses for many years, will spend four days in Paris. He will attend various official functions during the Queen's visit here, and will be the guest of honour at a cocktail party given at the Ritz Hotel by dress designer, Christian Dior tomorrow.

All the gowns which the Queen will wear during her stay in Paris were designed by Hartnell.—France-Press.

ROMULO WILL RUN FOR PRESIDENCY ONLY IF 'ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY'

Washington, Apr. 7. Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo said today he had no plans to run for President of the Philippines but would do so if there was "a real need for somebody to carry on" the traditions of the late Ramon Magsaysay.

He added, "I don't see the need now because I think President Garcia is carrying on very well."

Romulo, who serves as his country's envoy to the United States and the United Nations, was mentioned as a possible candidate in the Philippines election next November after Magsaysay was killed in the plane crash.

"Then you would run if necessary?" Hebert asked.

"If it is absolutely necessary, and only the people can decide that, I may have to go back to the Philippines," Romulo said.

He emphasised, however, that he thought Garcia "is carrying on very well."—United Press.

Continue Policies

There was some question here as to whether Garcia, who succeeded Magsaysay as President, would continue the pro-Western policies championed by Magsaysay.

Romulo was reassuring on this point. He was interviewed by two Louisiana Democrats, Reps. F. Edward Hebert and Hall Boggs, for a New Orleans Television station.

Hebert asked if Romulo would run for President to continue "dynamic leadership" like that provided by Magsaysay.

"I have forsworn domestic politics and intend to devote myself entirely to foreign affairs," Romulo replied.

He said, "You have to have the grass roots support of the people" to make a successful campaign.

"Having been away from the Philippines for some time, it will take a real campaign for me to get that grass roots support," Romulo said.

Rephrased

Hebert, recalling that Romulo was Magsaysay's campaign manager, rephrased his question, asking whether Romulo would say "I will not run."

The Ambassador replied, "If there is a real need for somebody to carry on with the Magsaysay traditions and go to it that his love for the masses and his leadership of the people for democracy should continue... I will not, shrink my duty to my people and my country."

MINISTER'S POWERS RESTRICTED

New Delhi, Apr. 7.

An Indian Government spokesman said here tonight that Mr. E. M. Sankaran Nambudripad, the Communist Chief Minister of Kerala, had no power to commute death sentences and release political prisoners.

Mr. Nambudripad told a press conference in Trivandrum yesterday he would carry out both these steps as a gesture.

Among the prisoners under death sentence is a Communist, Vasi Pillai, who was condemned to death for the murder of a Congress Party worker who defeated him in a local election three years ago.

APPEAL REJECTED

The Central Government spokesman said tonight that in the case of Vasi Pillai's appeals had already been rejected by the President, who was the only person empowered to commute death sentences.

As for as political prisoners were concerned he said the Kerala State Government could only withdraw cases brought by the State Government itself.—Reuter.

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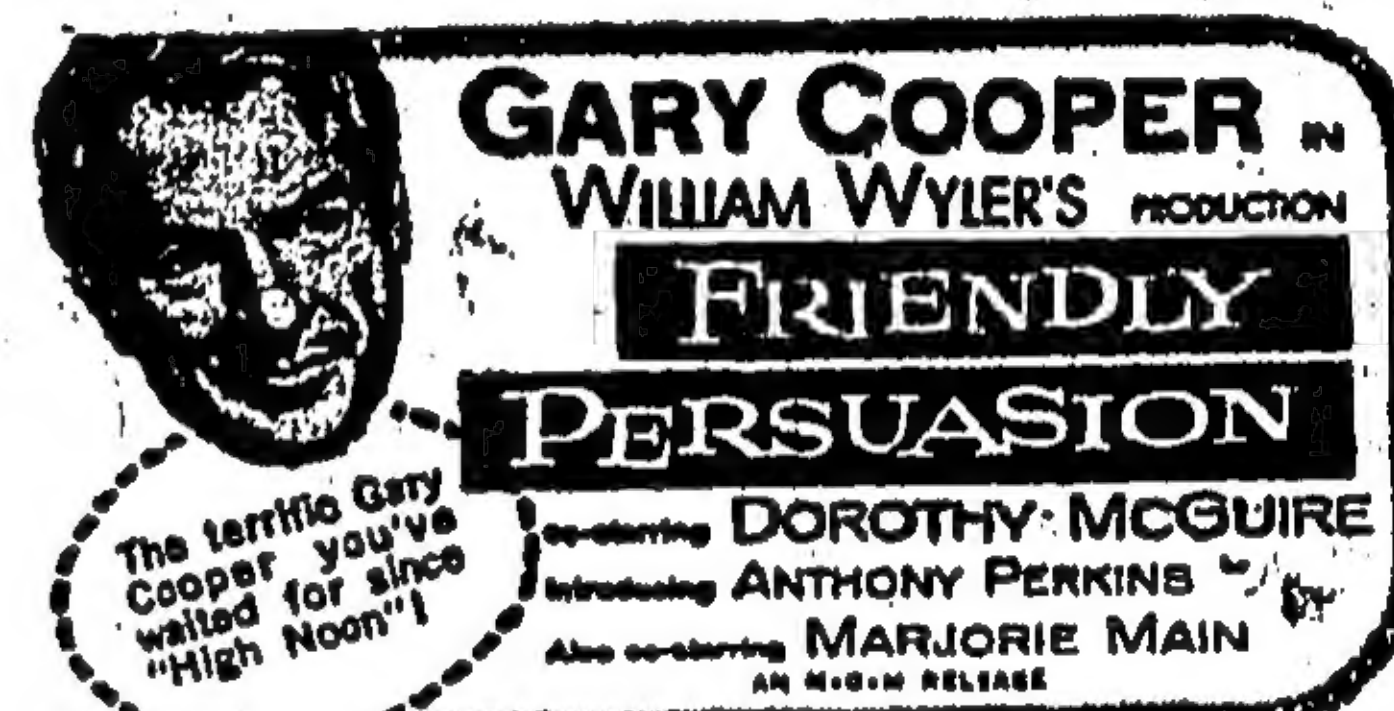


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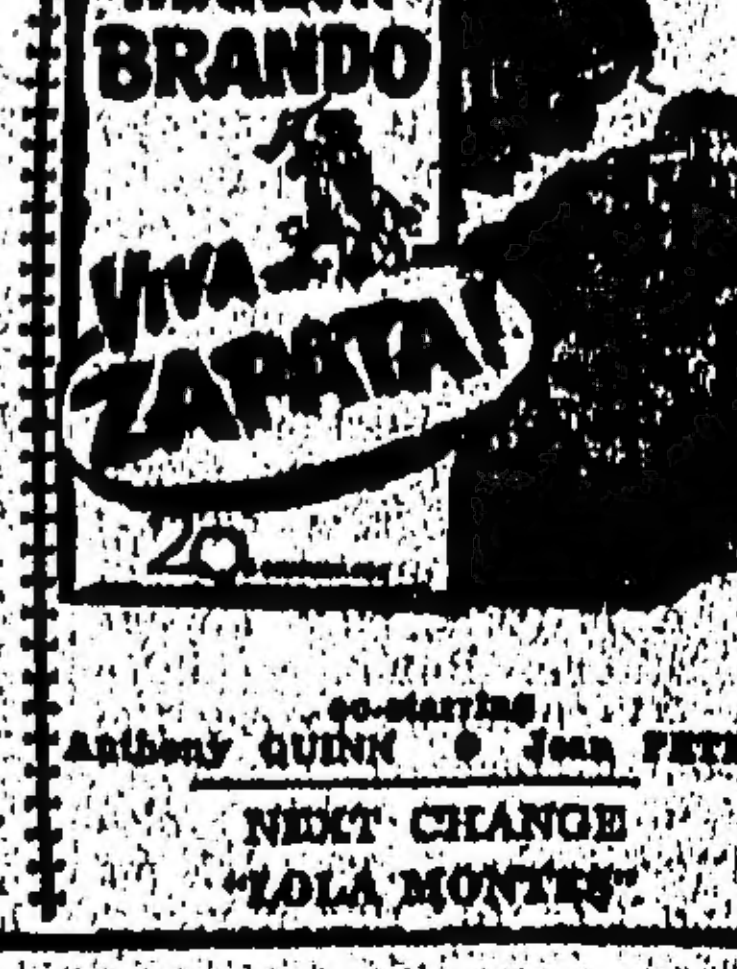
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BRITAIN'S DEFENCE

CUT CHANGES OVERALL STRATEGY

Washington, Apr. 7.

A reappraisal of strategic defence, thinking of the entire North Atlantic Alliance, will follow Britain's decision to cut its armed forces in favour of atomic weapons and guided missiles, authoritative military sources here said today.

The Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, in a top secret conference here yesterday, agreed to examine the British defence situation and its effect on West Europe's military planning at another meeting in Paris in June.

This will follow a conference of the Nato Council, in Bonn next month, to be attended by the foreign, defence and finance ministers of the Atlantic partners.

The Washington conference was the Military Committee's 10th regular gathering and was held immediately after 24 senior staff officers, representing 14 countries, had returned from a tour of the United States for research and development installations.

LATEST TECHNIQUES

They studied the latest battle techniques and weapons and examined some of the guided missiles which the United States intended to deliver to the Nato allies next year.

Chairman of the top secret meeting in Washington was General Bernard M. Muselman, Chief of Staff of the Netherlands.

Others attending included: Lieutenant-General J. W. Johnson (USA), Sir William Dickson, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lieutenant-General Adolf Heusinger, head of the West German armed forces, and Lieutenant-General Henri A. Lortillot, French Army Chief of Staff.

The new British defence programme was examined by the Military Committee in the context of long range plans for strengthening Western defences with guided missiles and other modern weapons.

One of the conclusions of the meeting was that the reorganisation of Nato planning was shifting rapidly to a strategy adapted to the nuclear age. This entailed reorganisation of ground forces and their training.

In the types of artillery and use of weapons suitable to the use of atomic warheads. While specific details of the British programme were left for the Paris meeting in June, it was learned that other conclusions reached at yesterday's conference were:

OTHER CONCLUSIONS

1. British manpower cuts planned in the Nato land forces would be compensated in great measure by German divisions. 2. The United States strategic air force, capable of delivering atom bombs from bases in Britain and North Africa, remained the West's chief deterrent power and would "hold the fort" while Britain was undergoing its drastic defence changes.

Authoritative sources here now see the modifying of earlier expressions of pessimism about the effects of the British cuts on Western planning. These sources pointed out that Britain's new policy of virtual total reliance on atomic weapons and long range missiles fitted in with accepted United States trends.

EMPHASIS

President Eisenhower's budget for this year emphasised that the United States was building up its arsenal of big atomic weapons and also called for manpower reductions in the next few years.

This was in line with Britain's own belief that atomic weapons would compensate for the reduced firepower of conventional weapons and forces. — China Mail Special.

SECRET JET WRECKAGE SIGHTED?

New York, Apr. 7.

A civil air patrol search plane reported sighting in eastern Nevada today what may be the wreckage of a missing secret, high-altitude jet experimental plane.

Other search planes were ordered to the area to try and confirm whether the wreckage spotted is that of the missing Lockheed U-2 which disappeared after taking off from the Watertown strip near Mercury, Nevada, last Thursday.

The wreckage was sighted as more than 70 planes ranging from small private aircraft to speedy Air Force jets fanned out over thousands of square miles in a three-State search for the missing secret aircraft.

Lockheed officials in Burbank, California, said they had dispatched aircraft to the scene of the wreckage to ascertain if it is that of the U-2. The Civil Air Patrol pilot who spotted the wreckage was identified as Ruben Saavedra, flying out of Las Vegas, Nevada. — United Press.

No Coalition With Indian Communists

Bombay, Apr. 7.

The national executive of the Praja Socialist Party today approved the decision of the local party organisation in Kerala State not to enter into a coalition with India's first Communist State government. The Praja Socialist Party of India invited the Praja Socialist Party's co-operation in running the Government at a meeting last month. The offer was rejected by the Kerala Praja Socialist Party.

In its resolution today the national executive reiterated its policy of "rejecting coalition with other parties and said the Praja Socialist Party in the Kerala Legislature would function as a "vigilant opposition". — Reuters.

POLISH PREMIER IN INDIA



Polish Premier Joseph Cyrankiewicz is pictured left during his official visit to New Delhi, when he signed a Polish-Indian cultural agreement with Pandit Nehru, pictured right. On left of Mr. Cyrankiewicz is Mrs. Nehru, who acted as hostess during the visit. — Express Photo.

Communists Control Almost Third Of World Population

New York, Apr. 7.

The Communist countries account for almost one-third of the world's population, the United Nations reported tonight.

The new issue of the Statistical Year Book quoted population estimates at mid-1955 as 230,200,000 in the Soviet Union, 582,003,000 in China, 27,278,000 in Poland, 17,480,000 in Rumania, 16,700,000 in East Germany, 13,890,000 in Czechoslovakia, 9,805,000 in Hungary, 7,348,000 in Bulgaria and 1,394,000 in Albania.

The Year Book prepared by the United Nations statistical office gave many facts hitherto unavailable about developments in the Communist states. For the first time in recent years statisticians of Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland supplied data covering a wide range of subjects, an introduction to the volume said.

Coal and Steel

The Year Book covering 1955—it takes more than a year for experts to analyse the figures—showed that the Communist group produced 30 per cent of the world's coal and counted for about 22 per cent of its steel.

The combined steel output of the Soviet Union, China and four Eastern European countries rose by 160 per cent between 1937 and 1955 against a corresponding rise of 88 per cent in the rest of the world, the Year Book said.

Their consumption of commercial sources of energy such as coal, petroleum and hydro electricity was 158 per cent greater than in 1937 whereas the rest of the world raised its energy consumption in that period by 67 per cent.

In the educational and social field, the Year Book said that the Soviet Union had 22,900,000 pupils in primary schools, 5,250,000 in secondary schools, nearly 1,700,000 in technical schools and more than 1,200,000 in higher educational institutions.

Films and Books

The Russians produced 30,811 book titles in 1955—18 per cent of them on social subjects and 46 per cent on applied sciences. Their film studios produced 84 long feature films against only 45 in 1937. — Reuters.

CANCER DEATH RATE

Tokyo, Apr. 7.

Dr Mitsuo Segi of Tohoku University here said today women of Jewish ancestry were less susceptible to uterine cancer than women of other races. In a report to the Asian conference on obstetrics and gynaecology, Dr Segi claimed the rate of incidence of the disease was highest among Negro women in America.

Dr Segi said the death rate from uterine cancer in Japan was 17.7 per 100,000. The rate among American Negro women was 22.2. Dr Segi said the lowest rate was found among Jewish women in Israel where the rate of death was seven per 100,000. — Reuters.

H-BOMB VICTIMS TESTED FOR RADIATION

Chicago, Apr. 7.

Six Marshall Island natives, suffering shoe-pinched feet, are undergoing radiation tests at Argonne National Laboratory in connection with their exposure to radioactive fallout in the 1954 Bikini hydrogen bomb explosion.

The natives were invited to the United States by the Government for the routine tests, and were flown by Navy plane from their homes on the islands of Majuro and Ulrik.

Dr Norman Hilberry, director of the Atomic Energy Commission Laboratory said the natives appear to have suffered no permanent injuries. A seventh native who was not exposed, Hilberry said, accompanied the group to act as a "control" in the tests.

Dr Robert A. Conrad of the AEC's Brookhaven Laboratory, an atomic medicine specialist in charge of the group, said the brown-skinned natives suffered skin burns and hair loss from the fallout but have completely recovered.

Over 200 People

The natives were among more than 200 persons on the two islands in the Marshalls who were affected by the dust and ash which fell after the hydrogen detonation in 1954.

The islanders have been "as excited as kids" over their visit to the United States, and they have been fascinated by television, Conrad said.

Their first acquaintance with television came when they were established in a guest house on the grounds of the Argonne Lab. Every spare moment is occupied with watching TV, Conrad said.

Dressed in American clothes rented for them in Honolulu, the natives were given Navy issue shoes before they left on their journey.

Shoes, however, are an item the natives find the most uncomfortable. "They're used to going barefoot," Conrad said.

Consequently, they shed their shoes like many Americans whenever the opportunity presents itself, Conrad added.

Reduce Radiation

Hilberry disclosed the tests conducted by the Laboratory will determine the amount of radiation remaining in the bodies of the natives. Radioactivity is now so low for the natives, he said, that special equipment at Argonne was needed for the tests.

The tests are conducted in a room about six feet square, constructed of eight-inch-thick steel plates to reduce the amount of normal radiation present in the atmosphere, Hilberry said.

The natives, all men, range in age from 16 to 45. At least two of them are married and have children. — United Press.

Singapore Constitution Approval Today

London, Apr. 8.

Final approval is expected to be given today to the outline of a new constitution for Singapore.

A Singapore all-party delegation will meet Colonial Office officials this morning to discuss a draft report on three weeks of constitutional negotiations here last month. The session—13th of the talks—is expected to settle a few points which conference sources say are still outstanding.

A formal closing session has already been tentatively fixed for Wednesday. The final report will then be initiated.

After that work will begin on drafting the new constitution which gives the colony internal self-government but leaves external defence and foreign relations generally in British hands.

FIRST DRAFT

Colonial Office officials have been working since March 29, when the main negotiations completed agreements in principle, to draft the constitution report. The first draft was handed over to the Singapore delegation last week.

The delegation, headed by the Chief Minister, Mr. Lim Yew Hock, has since been studying the 40-page document.

Conference sources say the delegation has some reservations on the phrasing of several paragraphs in the report. But they emphasise that the difference was "mainly technical" and are expected to be resolved at today's meeting.

The Singapore delegation is tentatively due to leave London on Thursday and, with a day's stopover at Bangkok, will reach Singapore on Sunday. A gala reception including a "dragon parade" from the airport to the Town Hall awaits them. — Reuters.

Over-Feeding Warning By Doctor

London, Apr. 7.

Over-feeding during a child's period of growth and development shortens the life span, Dr. Hugh Sinclair, Vice-President of Magdalen College, Oxford, said here.

Speaking at a World Health Day meeting at London University Senate yesterday, Dr. Sinclair said he believed "we must be careful not to pour unlimited milk into the throats of children, we hasten chronic degenerative diseases."

"Over-feeding during the period of growth and development shortens this period, so that adult life is reached earlier and also shortens life," he said.

He said there were serious defects in cows' milk as a food for infants and dried milk had even more serious defects. He added: "Orange juice is not the ideal vehicle for Vitamin C and cod liver oil is very far from being the best vehicle for Vitamins A and D." — China Mail Special.

Britain's New Envoy To Athens



Richards Meets King Faisal

Baghdad, Apr. 7.

James Richards, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, today conferred with King Faisal of Iraq and Premier Nuri al-Said on the "Eisenhower doctrine" for the Middle East. Richards talks with Iraqi Government leaders, which were described as "most cordial", are to be resumed tomorrow morning.

A joint communique is to be issued after the last meeting. Richards' next stop is expected to be Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Although both Syria and Jordan have agreed to receive Richards, the two countries are not on his immediate schedule. — France-Press.

Cardinal's Condition Grave

Madrid, Apr. 7.

The condition of Cardinal Pedro Segura Saez, Archbishop of Seville and former Primate of Spain, continued to be extremely grave today. "His present state is in the hands of God. The Cardinal continues to preserve his full mental faculties and he is quite conscious of his grave condition."

The Cardinal has been in a Madrid nursing home for the past week. He is suffering with heart and circulatory trouble. He is 71. — Reuters.

MacArthur Constitution Alteration

Tokyo, Apr. 7. A NATIONWIDE controversy over the Emperor's status will be revived this week with announcement of a draft to revise the so-called MacArthur dictated constitution which stripped the ruler of political power.

A draft for an "independent" constitution, prepared after three and one-half years' study by Hataeda Hirose, Conservative member of the House of Councilors, was expected to be made public on Monday. The draft gives the Emperor more prestige than the existing constitution which designates the Emperor as a "symbol" of the State.

It stipulates that the Emperor shall be the "center of the nation's unity" and his position defined as "head of the country and its representative." The draft, however, follows the line of the current constitution in defining the Emperor's authority to act which will not involve "political responsibility."

The draft also eliminates the "war renunciation" clause of the current constitution and instead stipulates the duty of all citizens to contribute to the nation's defence.

Members of the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party have urged a revision in the constitution to restore the Emperor's position as "head of the State" but without the sovereign powers he enjoyed before Japan's surrender in World War II.

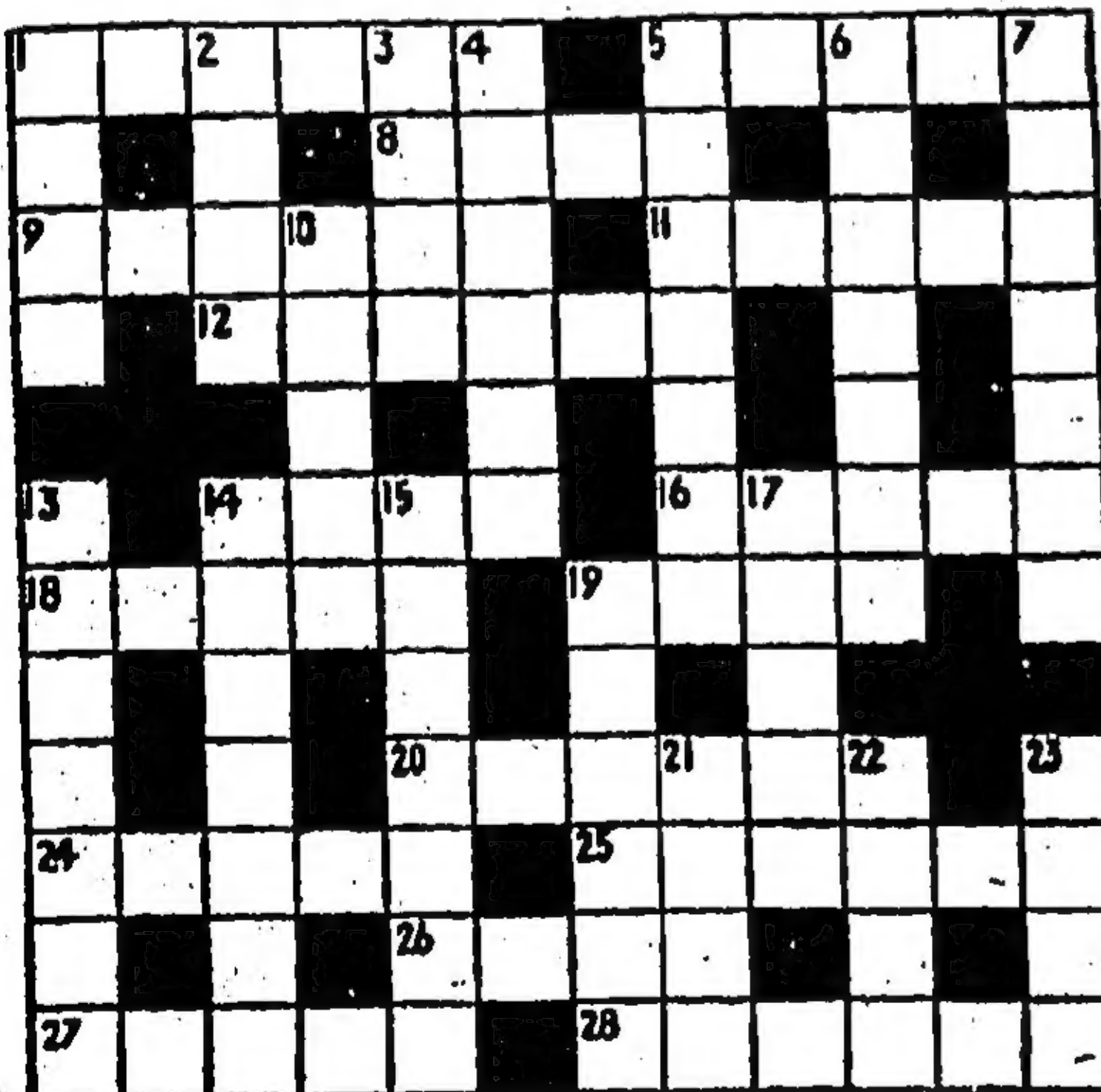
The Liberal Democrats have been bitterly opposed by the Socialists who claimed that the revision would be the beginning of efforts to "restore the Emperor's full pre-war status." — United Press.

RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS OFFENDED

Paris, Apr. 7. A Yemenite diplomat in Cairo today accused Britain of offending "Moslem religious sentiments" in making armed attacks against Yemenite villages during the Moslem month of Ramadan.

The diplomat, Abdel Rahman Abu Thieb, made this statement to a representative of Cairo radio, which broadcast the accusation tonight. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Spanish currency (4).
 - Scholar (5).
 - Extent (4).
 - Neighs may come from here and hicals as well (6).
 - Appears (5).
 - Tender (6).
 - Plays a part (4).
 - Margin (5).
 - Bury (5).
 - Lake (4).
 - Qualities of perception (6).
 - Acknowledges (5).
 - Cult of nakedness (6).
 - Finality (4).
 - Beaten in (5).
 - Choose (5).
- DOWN**
- Nuisance (4).
 - Strip of wood (4).
 - Narrative (4).
 - Amphitheatres (6).
 - Intel (7).
 - Get Ready (7).
 - Tenants (7).
 - Support or two (6).
 - Weapon (7).
 - Essay (7).
 - Given medicine? (7).
 - Went wrong (6).
 - Medicate (4).
 - Pleasant (4).
 - Leave out (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Later, 4. Ignite, 8. Chills, 10. Loner, 12. Impart, 14. Bide, 17. Oiler, 20. Offer, 30. Triple, 31. Snuff, 32. Ditch, 33. Nitrate, 37. Flecko, 38. Triple, 39. Gals, 40. In, 41. 7. Express, 9. Imagine, 11. Orator, 13. Predict, 18. Jona, 19. Snail, 26. Lenz, 30. Ideas, 31. Suffer, 34. Tense, 35. A.M.P., 40. Bitch, 36. Lenz.

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NO FLOWERS BY REQUEST

By DOROTHY L. SAYERS

I WILL pass over the conversation, which was devoted to common-places, and from which I learned only that Trent Carrington was engaged in writing a book—something historical, apparently, about witchcraft in King James I's time—and that the cat for whom the fish in the larder was destined was an animal of independent habits, called Sennacherib.

"He was probably 'out rabbiting' in the paddock and would in due course present himself in the kitchen and ask for his supper, but I must not allow him to make a nuisance of himself."

When we had finished tea Trent volunteered to help with the washing-up, and Mr Carrington sent his niece to ask whether her aunt was ready to see me.

I made no objection to the washing-up proposal—for one thing, I had determined from the start to let myself be "considered," and besides, I am all for making men take their due share of the work.

We were getting along very well—Mr Carrington washing, Trent trying (managing very neatly, in spite of his disabilities), and I putting the things away in what I had decided should be their proper places, when Mrs Deane came to the kitchen door and said in a tone of some alarm: "Uncle Marcus! Mr Carrington went out to her rather hastily and they conferred for a little time in the hall. Trent's damaged face was to me inscrutable, but I thought he looked worried."

Presently his father came back and said: "Trent—ring up Grayling," and then to me: "I'm afraid my wife is not so well, and won't be able to see you just at present." Then he, too, went away.

Having had some experience of illness I promptly put the kettle on to boil, and Nurse Cutler, coming in shortly afterwards with two hot-water bottles, was so surprised by my forethought that she actually commended and thanked me.

'Clear out!'

SHE added, however, that in any decent-run household there would be a gas-ring in the patient's bedroom. I replied that I would try to arrange for one, whereupon she beamed out with the bottles, saying only: "And high time, too."

It was not I who opened the door for Dr Grayling; but he must have come almost as soon as he was summoned, for when—after exploring the cupboards more thoroughly and cleaning some of the worst grease from the stove—I presently emerged from the kitchen, he was just crossing the hall with Mr Carrington on his way out. He was a pleasant, energetic-looking man of about 40, and was saying with some emphasis: "I agree, it's not so all satisfactory. Perhaps you would like—"

Mr Carrington was frowning gravely, and they went into a



That was fear—plain, ugly fear. She said "I can't stand it, Trent."

THE STORY SO FAR

MRS MERTON, a widow, turns down an offer to live with her married daughter and takes a job as cook-housekeeper with the Carringtons in a remote old rectory. The household consists of Mr Carrington—a commercial artist—invalid Mrs Carrington, their niece, Mrs Philippa Deane, nephew, injured ex-R.A.F. man Trent Carrington, and Nurse Cutler. NOW read on...

been killed in the war; that Mrs Deane wasn't proud though she wouldn't never set foot in the kitchen, and had given her (Mrs Hutchinson) a sweetly pretty scarf last Christmas...

Much better

ALSO, that everybody had been expecting Miss Barnlow's engagement to Dr Grayling, but it seemed to have gone off somehow; that Mrs C. wasn't Mr C.'s class, and some people said she used to drink before she got ill, but that was where they came from and she (Mrs Hutchinson) was never one to gossip; that Mr Trent's room was full of terrible pictures and books about poison, and a nasty black 'ed on the wall what would give you quite a turn...

"And what would that be, I wonder?" said Mrs Hutchinson, rattling a tin which was conspicuously labelled "Poison"; moth-balls, maybe, or them tablets for slugs. It proved, however, to contain nothing worse than a number of bone buttons.

It is surprising how much rubbish can accumulate, even in 18 months, when no attempt is made to keep order. When all the identifiable substances had been put in their right

places and properly labelled, there remained a pile of empty or half-empty bottles, tins, cartons and boxes which covered the kitchen table, and were only fit for burning.

I am always particular about nameless white powders, and dribs and drabs of things from the chemist, calling themselves simply "The Lotion," or "The Mixture," as before. "They might be absolutely anything. When we had finished making our collection, I showed it to Mr Carrington and asked his permission to get rid of it."

"Good God!" he said. "Yes, of course, burn the lot. I wonder we haven't all been—." He broke off suddenly, and burst out laughing, as though a load had been taken off his mind. "I'm going into Kitchener for the fish," he said. "Is there anything else you'd like me to get?"

I mentioned Nurse's gas-ring and he promised to fetch. "And I'm glad to say," he added, "that my wife is much better today, and would like to see you as soon as you're free."

'Not poisoned?'

I MUST say that I did not take to Mrs Carrington. I got the impression that young Mr Carrington must have married his model in haste and repented at leisure. She had the remains of remarkable good looks, but her face was puffy and peevish, and her voice common.

When I got there, Mrs Deane was arranging a bowl of flowers on the low window-sill, where Sennacherib—a stout gentleman in a very handsome dress—was lying majestically asleep, with his chin on a Georgian walnut tea-caddy. Mrs Carrington asked me a lot of questions—many of them, to my mind, impertinently personal, but I suppose she had nothing much to think about, lying there all day, and a new housekeeper was a distraction for her.

I patiently told her where and of whom I was born, where I had lived, what my husband's business had been, how many children I had, what my means were, and why I had decided to take a situation. "And what did your husband die of?" was the next, "Not poisoned by your cooking, I hope?" And she went off into a hoot of very unpleasant laughter. Mrs Deane exclaimed reproachfully: "Oh, Auntie!" I restrained myself, and replied quietly that my husband had been killed in a motor-accident.

"Then he was luckier than some," said Mrs Carrington. She gave another hoot of her unkind laughter, but after a moment she put out her hand, and a gesture of apology, to her niece. "Nurse," said Philippa: "I'm on your side," she said.

TOMORROW — another famous woman writer, H. C. R. Loebe, picks up the threads of the story and weaves them in her own way.



Up The Bright Red Carpet Or Down The Garden Path?

THE Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Mr Popovic, has finally brought into the open the serious new break between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. He revealed recently that Moscow is now using economic pressure against his country, just as Stalin did. He has also indicated that Yugoslavia will not bow to the pressure of Stalin's successors any more than it bowed to Stalin. The Soviet Union, he said, which in August last year undertook to provide, jointly with East Germany, a £62 millions credit for the building of a big aluminium project at Niksic, in Montenegro, had now postponed the project until after 1960.

Mr Popovic implied that the Russians are trying to use the credits, on which the Yugoslavs had been counting in planning their economic development, as a means of pressure to bring Yugoslavia into, or at least nearer, the Soviet camp.

He explained that the essence of the Soviet-Yugoslav dispute lay in differing ideas on what Yugoslavia's relations should be towards the "Socialist camp" and on who should be head of the camp. Yugoslavia, he said, did not want to enter this camp since this would not be in the interests of peace or of socialism.

The recent ideological warfare between the Yugoslavs and the Russians had aroused suspicions that the aid bargain might not be kept.

These were reinforced by the recent treatment of a Yugoslav trade mission to East Germany when the talks broke down and the Yugoslav delegation was exposed to humiliating treatment by the East German authorities.

The hardening Russian attitude to Yugoslavia is the latest phase in the tortuous development of Soviet-Yugoslav post-war economic relationships.

It started just after the war when the Russians attempted to penetrate and control the Yugoslav economy, and stopped when the Yugoslav resistance to Soviet domination led to Yugoslavia's expulsion from the Cominform in 1948 and to a ruthless blockade.

Ostentatious Generosity

Mr Khrushchev's political overtures in 1955 were followed by a period of ostentatious generosity. The following year Russia granted currency and trade loans to Yugoslavia, as well as development credits for the construction of fertiliser and chemical factories and a power plant.

The Soviet Union apparently believes now that it made a major error in apologetically abjectly for the 1948 rift, and is informally granting Yugoslavia equal status. Last June, Cominform once again to fight national Communism, the Soviet-Yugoslav boycott of 1955/56 was a reckless affair. A new move to win Yugoslavia back—to the Soviet camp

By David Laidlaw

a Scot who has travelled widely in Eastern Europe, and has made a special study of conditions imposed by Soviet Russia.

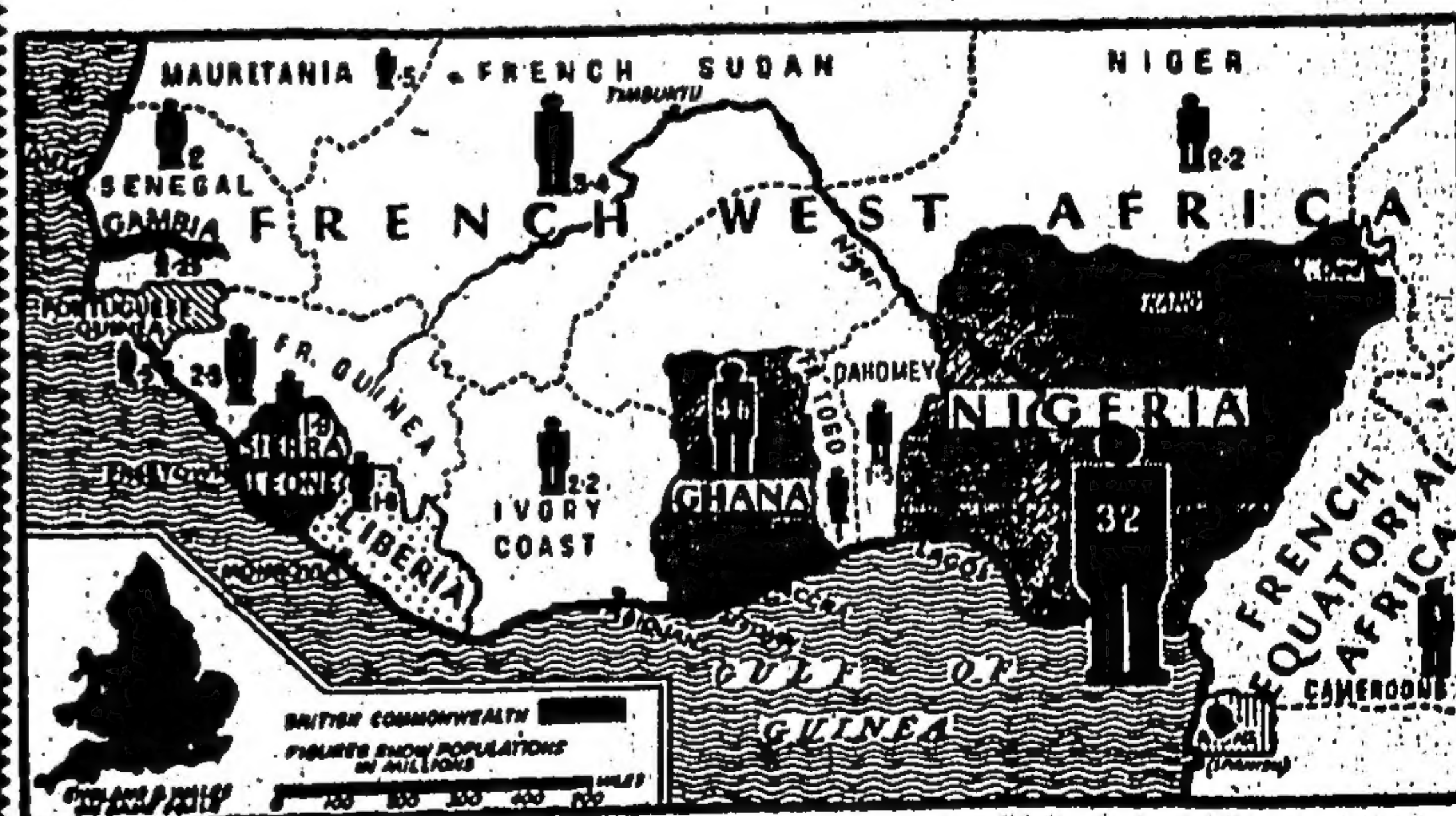
It is not a surprise that the Russians should have made a great fuss of the Bulgarian delegation, which returned home with a new 200 million rouble long-term credit in its pocket. The Bulgarian Communists, since the Kostov trial late in 1949, have been servile admirers of the Soviet Union and most reluctant to countenance any dangerous experiments in reforming their Stalinist regime.

Although Bulgaria has never betrayed any tendency, since the execution of Kostov, to question the Soviet "right" to supremacy in the "Socialist camp," it is a sign of the times that its leaders find it necessary to announce an

unrelenting struggle against those whose alleged aim is to replace "proletarian internationalism" by "bourgeois nationalism" and to deny the Kremlin's overlordship. In the general condemnation of "Stalinism," the Bulgarian leaders show no hesitation in getting a little of their own back for Yugoslav criticism of their Stalinist policies and Pravda's attacks on Tito have been studiously echoed by all local Bulgarian speakers and newspapers.

It now appears that the extra investment in friendship towards the docile Bulgarians is to be recovered at the expense of the recalcitrant Yugoslavs.

That Independent Air



IT CATCHES ON IN WEST AFRICA

NOW that Ghana is independent, her neighbours want to be independent too! That is particularly true of the eight territories which belong to French West Africa—a vast federation of 15,000,000 people that is far larger in area than any single country in Africa.

At present each territory has a French governor assisted by a picked privy council and an elected assembly, and is represented in the French Parliament in Paris. The French, with their recent history of struggles

AFRICA

In Indo-China and North Africa, are divided on how far and how fast West Africa should move towards independence.

Some are now sure that—in view of the Africans' present agitation—complete independence is the only way in which France will be able to keep her export markets and buy her imports of groundnuts, palm oil, bananas, coconuts and coffee.

The French West African natives are often envious of their neighbours.

Liberia became the first independent Negro state in the world in 1847. Sierra Leone enjoyed constitutional advances in 1951. Nigeria—the chief West African country, and Britain's largest colony—proceeded further towards self-government in 1951 and 1954. Ghana is now ruling herself.

To many West African natives in French territories it seems that they alone are lagging.



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SENIOR SHIELD FINAL

CAN ANY REPLAY POSSIBLY REPEAT THE DRAMA OF THIS PULSATING FINAL?

Asks I. M. MacTAVISH

Whoooh... spare a thought for my blood pressure and a few soothing placentides for my frayed and tattered nerves. This match may not go down in history as the best Senior Shield Final ever played but it must surely go down as one of the most pulsating and thrilling... and, from every raw-throated spectator's point of view, one of the most exciting.

Fortunes swayed and fluctuated from beginning to end and I never want to see a game with more unstinted effort from the players... and I never want to see one better handled than this one was by Referee Tommy Tucker and his two linesmen. If this had been a motion picture I would gladly have sat through a second showing even when forewarned of the nerve-racking climax that it involved.

A draw was the right result for neither of these two courageous sides deserved to lose. Both had their periods of superiority and both had their lapses... but neither of them ever gave up trying to win—and that is surely how every final should be played.

A huge crowd packed into the Hongkong Stadium, 28,000 seats and the beautiful spring weather soon had them in their shirt sleeves, but even in colder circumstances the game that followed would have done exactly the same. It was a great testimony to the courage and to their unflinching spirit.

Not for a fleeting second did either side ask for or expect any degree of quarter and bone-chattering tackles were exchanged without bitterness. Injuries were frequent. In this respect KMB probably suffered more than their opponents and to save the issue as they did in the fast dying moments of extra time was a great testimony to their courage and to their unflinching spirit.

South China fought back from a disastrous start and a two-goal deficit to snatch the lead in the first period of extra time... but I'm sure that even the tired, weary and worn Caroline Hill players could not have grudged their rivals the draw which Lau Chi-lum's magnificent late equaliser gave them.

There are many who would wish to regard this tense gripping encounter as an extraordinary team affair, but to my mind four names—two on either side—are written indelibly across it.

Most important of all was the staunch "they-shall-not-pass" display by veteran Tan Kar-sau for South China. In the early stages of the game while at left-back Tan—slow and cumbersome—was given a real roasting by KMB winger Lau Kai-chu, but a tactical re-arrangement of the defence saw him moved to centre-half with Kwok Kam-hung at left-back.

From that moment South China never really looked back. The tide which had been flowing so heavily against them was stemmed and Tan Kar-sau proceeded to turn on a magnificent stopper performance in the pivotal position.

His confident studied play was a revelation and he finished up the outstanding player in the South China side. He never appeared to turn in a polished display... his job was to shut up the middle of the field and he succeeded beyond the wildest expectations of even the most enthusiastic South China fans.

His counterpart in the KMB line-up was Lau Chi-lum whose infectious spirit and willingness to drive himself from attack to defence and back again made him outstanding forward on the field... and against South China that is praise indeed.

A DYNAMO

Quite apart from his two ballances and brilliant goals, Lau was the dynamo that drove his colleagues on when they might have been tempted to ease off for a breather. He was the inspiration that first of all nearly carried his side to victory and then later saved the day with an equaliser as courageous as any I have ever seen.

He got great support and encouragement from his skipper, Tang Sum, who was playing

immediately behind him. To these two the Busmen owe a heavy debt.

Chasing Tan Kar-sau hard for South China's medal of merit was Lau Chi-lum who early sensed the threat that lay in the KMB left wing and proceeded to apply the stranglehold that eventually suppressed the danger and so lightened the defensive burden which South China looked unlikely to withstand.

These four men set the playing pattern of the whole game. It was suitably encased in a satisfying football framework by the enterprise of every player and by some thoughtful, intelligent and generally excellent control from the man with the whistle.

It was never an easy game to handle for there were many difficult situations and many complicated circumstances, but each and every one brought a precise and quick decision from Mr. Tucker.

Sometimes the crowd shouted their praise or disapproval... sometimes the players turned the blank countenance of sweet innocence when penalised... but all the time there was only one boss—the man with the whistle—and yet I cannot recall him stopping play once when he might have let it go on.

TREMENDOUS FACE

The opening minutes of the game provided an excellent "trainer" for what was to follow. The stadium clock hadn't ticked away 60 seconds when Lau Kai-chu crashed a great swerving left foot drive against a South China upright, and, apart from a breakthrough by Yiu Cheuk-yin, it was hustling, bustling KMB all the way. The young Busmen were playing at a tremendous pace and it was no surprise when Lau Chi-lum weaved his way through the entire Caroline Hill defence to score a glorious opening goal.

If the players needed any stimulant this was it. Both sides piled on the pressure and Wai Fat-kim made a magnificent diving save to thwart Mok Chun-wah's fine attempt to get his name on the score sheet.

Lau Kai-chu was injured in a tussle with Tan Kar-sau and had to retire for patching up around the head. He eventually returned heavily bandaged, but it had little effect on the high quality of his play and he had a big hand in the move that led up to KMB's second goal in the 31st minute. He pushed the ball through the middle and with a delightful flick Chow Sul-hung laid it right in the path of Lau Shu-wah who crashed it into the net.

The Busmen were now right on top and might easily have increased their lead a few minutes later but at the crucial stage they seemed to get a little bit over-confident and their pleasant dream world was rudely shaken when in the 39th minute Lee Yui-tak—standing completely unmarked in the penalty area—headed home a long cross from Mok Chun-wah.

This goal revived South China's falling hopes and they took charge of the game without being able to get another goal... The interval must have been a most welcome break for both sets of players.

South China continued to hold the upper hand during the second half and were seldom very far away from Wai Fat-

him, but strangely enough it was KMB who came closest to scoring on two occasions.

Chan Chi-kong was booked by the referee for an impetuous tackle on an opponent but this was completely forgotten a moment afterwards in the burst of cheering that greeted another wonderful Wai Fat-kim save from Mok Chun-wah.

South China were not to be denied, however, and a wing to wing forward movement split the KMB defence wide open for Lee Yui-tak to crash in the equaliser after the KMB goalkeeper had made a great effort to save.

DING-DONG STRUGGLE

From this moment until the end it was a ding-dong struggle. Both sides strove with might and main to snatch the vital winner but the clock beat them all and extra time had to be played.

KMB looked the more tired of two willing sides as they lined up once again but the will-to-win, surely the greatest of all... did a grand job and foot and knees and bruises and sprains were forgotten in the heat of the struggle.

Ho Cheung-yau struck what looked like being a mortal blow when he drove the ball wide of Wai Fat-kim's left hand to put his side in the lead for the first time in the match after six minutes of extra time.

South China were now cooks of the walk and after surviving some strong and desperate KMB pressure they looked certain winners... but football fortunes are as fickle as a woman's smile! With only a few minutes left before the final whistle Lau Chi-lum, limping badly and near exhaustion, swung his boot at a flashing cross from the left and as he slumped to the ground he had the glorious satisfaction of hearing the crowd's acclamation as the ball clipped the inside of the net post and screamed into the net.

Indeed a goal fit to save any game. How the crowd roared—how they cheered—and well they might, for that goal guaranteed them another titanic battle between these two incredible teams... May the replay be worthy of this first encounter.

After such a worthy final there can be little purpose in commenting on individual players... Every man played himself into the ground... and few spectators vacated their seats a second before the final whistle sounded. Need more be said?

Verdict: A thrilling final... a just result... but KMB's calculated risk of playing a half fit Lau Tim very nearly backfired. The MacTavish Topper—bright and shining—is once again taken from its box to be doffed in a sincere soccer salute to the players of both sides... and of course to Referee Tommy Tucker, for their various contributions to this thrilling at times unpolished football treat.

THE TEAMS

South China: Lau King-cheung; Lau Chi-ping, Tan Kar-sau; Kwok Kam-hung, Luk Tak-hay, Chan Chi-kong; Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yui-tak, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

KMB: Wai Fat-kim; Lo Pak, Lau Kwok-leung, Tang Sum, Lau Tim, Lee Chi-lum, Chow Sul-hung, Lam Kam-tong, Lau Shu-wah.

Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

Doug Ford Finishes With A 66 To Win The Masters'

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 7.

Doug Ford shot a six under par 66 today to speed past a floundering Sam Snead and captured the coveted Masters' golf crown—the first time a winter tournament hotshot has ever triumphed in the Masters'.

Climaxing a day on which he could do no wrong, Ford awaited a ball out of the sand on the 18th hole and watched it drop in the cup from about 15 feet.

He finished at 283, five strokes under par for the tournament, and picked up a first prize of nearly \$9,000 that swelled his 1957 earnings to more than \$20,000.

He was leading the tournament circuit winners when he got here, an honour that usually is a kiss of death in the Masters', and had captured the Los Angeles and Panama Opens.

SNEAD SECOND

Snead patched together his game on the last four holes with birdies on three of them for a par 72 and a 286 total for second place.

Third place went to Jimmy Dornant, like Snead three times a former Masters' Champion, who came in with a two under par 70 and a total of 287. Amateur Horrie Ward of San Francisco posted a one over par 73, good for fourth place at 288.

Ford won the tournament on the back nine, where leaders and favorites have blown it four times on the back route.

Snead had just made the turn when he heard the 34-year-old Ford was in with a 66. Snead

Mexico Beats U.S. 6-0 In World Cup

Mexico City, Apr. 7. Mexico beat the United States 6-0 in their World Soccer Cup preliminary round match here today, after leading 3-0 at half-time.

The game was the first to be played in Group Two of the Central and North American Zone, in which Canada is the other competing country.—Reuter.

Marlene Hagge Wins The Babe Zaharias Open

Beaumont, Texas, Apr. 7. Marlene Hagge pulled an amazing 72 today with only six regulation green shots to win the fifth annual Babe Zaharias Open golf tournament for the second consecutive year.

The lithe blonde from Delray, Florida, was all over the course today, but did a repeat one under par 72 by putting only 24 times in 18 holes—11 on the front nine and 13 on the back nine. Mrs. Hagge won the match with a total of 222, three over her winning score last year.

The best round today was turned in by Betty Halls with a two under par 71. Miss Halls was third-place winner in the tournament with a total of 228. Second place went to Betty Dodd, who posted a 75 today for a total of 236.

Winds up to 20 miles an hour did little to improve the scores today.—United Press.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Desperate Gamble Pays Off As Warriors Edge Out Saints 5-4

By "TIME OUT"

A desperate gamble by Warrior mentor Hank Killeen, when he recalled "Goose" Wong from outfield duty in the top of the seventh, paid off as, with the tying run on third, Wong poured on the pressure to retire a determined Claude Pugh of the Saints on an easy fly to the outfield to end the ball game amidst great jubilation from the Warriors' camp.

Killeen's boys edged out the Jozeys by a solitary run in a seven-inning thriller that had the fans glued to their seats as plucky "Goose" Wong pitched his heart and arm out for the first four innings. The strain of going the distance against a fighting CAA side on Saturday obviously took its toll as "Goose" lost all control in the top of the fifth and had to be replaced on the mound by left-fielder Jimmy Chang who did a very creditable job in holding the fort—giving up only one hit in his spell of duty on the mound.

By virtue of their victory the Warriors are now in second position, just behind the Blackhaws who swept both games of their double-header by convincing scores whilst the Saints dropped one slot and are now on the third rung of the Senior "A" ladder with the HK Pandas just behind.

After retiring the Saints in quick order, the Warriors threatened to open the scoring in the opening inning of the game when Jimmy Chang singled over the box. On an attempted hit-and-run play Stephen Xavier popped up to Sherry Bux who snapped a fast peg to Dave Leonard at first to catch Chang unawares for a double play. Dick Chaves foul-tipped to end the inning.

In the bottom of the second inning, with one away, George "Juicy" Ribeiro poked a single into left field to get on. Hank Killeen then batted safely. An infield out on Joey Reis advanced the runners to scoring position and with the Warriors' supporters loudly clamouring for a hit, Terry Ewins obliged with a round-tripper that cleared Saints' outfielder Jack Colacco to bring in three runs. "Goose" Wong then grounded out.

Ewins came through with his second hit of the day when in the bottom half of the fourth he smacked a resounding double to centre-field to drive in George Ribeiro for the Warriors' fourth run.

The Saints, far from being discouraged, managed to break the string of goose-eggs that had decorated the scoreboard when in the top of the fifth "Goose" Wong's arm went dead.

Capitalising on this momentary loss of control, the Saints wangled two free passes to first off Wong. An error and a wild pitch saw Claude Pugh sliding into the plate for the Jozeys' initial run. Sherry Bux then added another tally on a sacrifice bunt by Jack Colacco.

With Saleh at bat and only one out, manager Killeen hardly called for time out and after a brief consultation with "Goose" Wong came him to the outfield and called in Jimmy Chang to put out the fire.

NO HEADWAY

The Saints were unable to make any headway against Chang's slow teasers and the inning ended without further scoring. In the top of the sixth, after Benny Omar had struck out, "Juicy" Ribeiro made a quite unnecessary throw to right field which ended up in right field.

Not one to stand on ceremony, Omar made the most of this heaven-sent opportunity and when the confusion had died down was parked safely at second. Dave Leonard could manage only a feeble grounder for the first out but Claude Pugh came through with a hard drive that eluded the out-thrusts of the combined Chinese outfielders for the ball to roll deep into the pastures.

The visitors' lead was, however, short-lived when in the top of the third, with two runners safely on via the bunt route, L. Y. Kwok poked a resounding double over second base which was good for two runs and the score was now deadlocked at two-all.

Not to be denied, the visitors once again forced ahead when two errors and a play at first saw Lau Mei-in scampering across the plate for the Taiwan girls to lead by a solitary run. The Combined Chinese came back fighting when in the top of the fourth two singles and a bunt pushed Margaret Lam over the home plate for the tying run.

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Wong from the outfield to the mound. Leonard got on first after being hit by a pitched ball and with two runners on base Wong, notwithstanding his sore arm, put everything he had into his strikes and forced Claude Pugh to pole a long fly to left to end the ball game.

Batting honours for the day went to the Warriors' right-field gardener, Terry Ewins, who batted in four runs with a homer and a double in three tries whilst on the defensive side "Goose" Wong, facing only 18 batters in his first four innings on the mound, stole the show when in the final inning he gamely came back to toe the rubber and play a decisive role in his team's victory.

As was expected, Oily Var Blackhaws made a clean sweep of their double-header when in the opening game they won the Chinese Athletic Association with one-sided score of 18 runs to 3.

Ritcher Ren Barretto was in grand form as he held the Athletic boys to four measly hits and also played a big role in the team's victory by striking 2 in 3 effort, driving in five runs on a double and a triple to claim top honours for the day.

The Hawks swept on to their second victory when they took on Uncle Sam's boys immediately afterwards. Vic Pedruco of the Hawks had the anxious sailors calling out of his hands and backed by some timely hitting on the part of his teammates, had no difficulty in notching up another win.

Shortstop Man Nunes of the Hawks was in devastating form with his near-perfect bunts that hit hurler Welch of the U.S. Navy truly and literally "all at sea". The Hawks scored eight runs on seven well-scattered hits whilst the sailors, although matching their opponents hit for hit, could manage only three runs.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

The attraction over the weekend was undoubtedly the exhibition game between the Taiwan Universal side and a Hongkong Combined Chinese nine at which a trophy was at stake. The visitors kept their state clean with a narrow victory of 6 runs to 1 in a game which saw the lead change hands time and time again.

Mr. Harold Wing Lee, Chairman of the Hongkong Softball Association, tossed the first strike to get the game underway. The Taiwan girls took early lead in the second inning when pitcher Lin Fung-tse singled sharply through the box and quickly plattered second. Lin Mei-tzu then romped around the bases when her lowering fly was misjudged by the Combined Chinese outfielders for the ball to roll deep into the pastures.

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field and Lin Fung-tse scored standing up to give the Taiwan girls a one-run lead. The last two innings saw both sides giving of their best. The Hongkong ladies could make no headway against an air-tight defence and the game ended when T. Y. Chan grounded out to the visitors' shortstop. She A-fa, who forced Margaret Lam at third for the final out.

Batting honours for the day went to Taiwan right-fielder Slap E-wo with a perfect 3 in 3 effort whilst Hongkong's L. Y. Kwok also displayed power at the plate with a creditable 3 in 4 performance. At the conclusion of the game, presents were exchanged after which Mrs. Annie S. K. Young presented the trophy to the manager of the Taiwan team, and also medals to players of both sides.

UPHILL BATTLE

Hank Killeen's Warriors had to fight an uphill battle all the way when in the only Senior "A" game scheduled for the day the bottom-of-the-table Chinese Athletic Association side put up surprisingly stiff resistance and only lost out by the narrow margin of two runs.

Regular hurler Terry Kwok of CAA was not available and his place on the mound was taken over by Y. C. Ng, one-time battery mate of "Goose" Wong in the Junior League some seasons back.

Ng showed little control but put up a remarkably good performance in limiting the heavy-hitting Warriors to only two skippy singles, while his opposite number, "Goose" Wong allowed four hits.

For the winners, Stephen Xavier at short, gave a dazzling display of base-running at its best and was directly responsible for one of the Warriors' runs when the opposition vainly attempted to put a hitler on his base-outs from first and in the resulting confusion Ewins displayed a bit of opportunism in scampering home.

On the defensive side Terry Ewins, patrolling the night-field, brought off two fielding gems and deserves mention. For the losers pitcher Y. C. Ng showed that given a little more practice and control he can be a mound-man of no mean ability whilst experienced Paul Tiu at the hot corner caught the eye with his excellent anticipation in timing his pick-ups of quite a few bouncers that came his way.

SENIOR "A" STANDINGS

	P	W	L	Aver.
Blackhaws	10	8	1	900
Warriors	11	9	2	819
Saints	12	10	3	769
Pandas	11	8	3	727
U.S. Navy	13	0	7	401
CAA	12	4	8	333
South China	12	2	10	107
ACG	14	1	14	900

TODAY'S GAME

5.30 p.m. at King's Park—Taiwan Universal vs. Combined Europeans (Ladies' Exhibition game).

Moore—Offered \$50,000 For Title Defence

Boston, Apr. 7. The lightweight champion, Archie Moore, has been offered \$50,000 to defend his title in the Boston Garden in June against the West German lightweight title-holder.

Eight promoter Sam Silverman of the Callahan A.C. said he made the offer today to Moore's manager, Charles Johnson, who called Moore, now fighting exhibition bouts in Germany.

Moore's opponent would be Hans Striet, 36, who was the former German middleweight champion. In 1954 he fought in his only appearance in the States, defeating Billy Wells, a Texas state champion, in the main event of a boxing card in Dallas.

United Press.

THE GAMBOLS



A Barry Appleby



Smart People



Ping, Pung

By HENRY LONGHURST

The art of putting at golf resembles that of goal-keeping at soccer, in being "a game within a game." Furthermore, as I remember so often reflecting as I learnt nonchalantly against the uprights—having played in goal since the age of eight—both are games which enable a fellow with a certain crafty cunning to neutralise the efforts of stronger, braver men, and this in any walk of life is a source of much inward satisfaction.

An exception perhaps was when I kept a goal for a year behind an accomplished cricketer, who is now a housemaster at Charterhouse. It will not, I hope, lead to insubordination in the alma mater if I reveal that, playing at right back, he scored for every one of the 11 houses in the school—including, on an historic occasion, our own.

MAY LIVE FOR EVER

On the other hand, both putting and goalkeeping may lead to an embarrassing immortality not to be endured in other departments of the game. The poor wretch who lets it trickle slowly between his legs in a Cup final is remembered long after missers of sitting goals have sunk into a merciful oblivion. A yard putt missed on the last green may also live for ever.

Thoughts of putting come to my mind because I have recently mentioned the four secrets of putting as outlined to me one day years ago by Bobby Locke, who was presumably the greatest hole-in-one in the world in the post-war years, and one or two people have asked to be let in upon them.

I hope that I am not poaching on Locke's professional preserves in revealing them. A good agent, I should have said, could have got him £1,000 for them.

ONE. You must hit the ball clean. This does not involve any nonsense about "top spin" or "trying to make it roll." If you flick a putt along with your fingernail and flick it cleanly. Touch the table and you

BADMINTON

Ferry Sonneville Wins French Singles Title

Paris, Apr. 7. Indonesia's Ferry Sonneville tonight won the men's singles title of the French Badminton Championships when he scored an easy win over the favourite and number one seed, David Choong of Malaya. Sonneville won by 15-4, 15-3. Playing together, Choong and Sonneville reached the final of the men's doubles when they beat the French pair of P. Laroche and G. Vassour by 15-4, 15-3 in the semi-finals.

David Choong and Miss S. Gambrell of Britain reached the final of the mixed doubles when they beat the Dutch pair of C. F. Canigillo and K. C. Stoll 15-2, 15-8.

Miss R. Ryder of Britain won the ladies' singles title, beating her compatriot, Miss J. F. Cryer, in the final by 15-7, 15-6.

Miss M. R. Wynn and Miss R. Page beat Miss Grace and Miss Ryder in an all-English final for the women's doubles by 15-15, 15-11 and 15-12.

David Choong and Ferry Sonneville won the men's doubles title when they beat the British pair of C. F. Canigillo and K. C. Stoll 15-2, 15-8.

David Choong won a second doubles title tonight when he took the mixed doubles final, teamed up with Miss S. Gambrell of Britain. In the final they beat the all-British pair of C. F. Canigillo and Miss B. Grace 10-15, 18-17, 15-8.—France-Press.

RACE WALKING ASSOCIATION FORMED

A Race Walking Association was formally inaugurated at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday. After a constitution had been adopted the following were elected to the management committee:—

Chairman, Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipkin; Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. O. Silver; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Mortimer Chiu; Other members: Mr. Chiu, Mr. T. S. Chiu, Mr. D. E. Aston. All persons desirous of joining are invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary c/o Tsang Fook Plane Company, Marina House.

MERRICK WORRIED



Birmingham City right back Hall stumbles over the ball kicked by Charlton Athletic centre-forward John Surtees (extreme left) and Birmingham goalkeeper Merrick (extreme right) waits apprehensively with open arms during the First Division match at the Valley, London, last Saturday week. The ball was safely cleared. Charlton won 1-0.—Reuterphoto.

Manchester United play Spanish club Real Madrid on April 11 in the European Cup semi-final. What is the real story of REAL MADRID. ARTHUR WALMSLEY has gone to Spain to find out and in the first of a series of articles tells you how he found the story—fantastic but true—of how a football club is changing the life of a nation.

The Real Madrid Story—A Record Of A Bloodless Sporting Revolution

By ARTHUR WALMSLEY

This is a true story of Spain with a fairy-tale touch. It is a tale which puts Britain to shame. For I went to Spain in search of a soccer story that might be different—and found one more different than I dared have dreamed.

This is the real story of Real Madrid, the Spanish club familiar to British fans as European Champions and opponents of Manchester United on April 11 in Madrid.

But the Real Madrid story is bigger by far than football. It is as big as Spain itself and is the record of a bloodless sporting revolution which has already changed the way of life in Madrid and will inevitably do the same for the rest of Spain.

But perhaps you think I exaggerate. I don't blame you for being a sceptic—I started my mission as one myself.

But travel with me from the beginning, then you can decide for yourself. It was eleven o'clock on a fresh, sunny morning that I set off for Spain. Strictly on schedule we took off from London Airport for Paris. Right on the minute we touched down at Le Bourget. It had been roses, courtesy and hot lunch on the way.

And my regard for the sleek, smiling efficiency of British European Airways was heightened by the knowledge that I was about to bid it farewell. From here on to Madrid I was to be in the strange hands of Iberian Airways. And it was from here on that scepticism set in.

For I know as well as the next man those traditional travellers' tales of "slap-happy" Spain, the land of energy-sapping sunshine and eternal manana where tomorrow will do better than today.

JUST AS WELL

And so I was ready for anything—which was just as well, as it turned out. Three hours later—and an hour after scheduled take-off time—a line of passengers moved out mysteriously and unannounced across Le Bourget tarmac.

Perception—not Iberian Airways—spared me a fruitless

RARE COMBINATION

Bernabeu is that rare combination of visionary, idealist and man of action who, through football, has already changed life in Madrid and has given the youth of the capital a glorious new deal.

I have talked with Senor Bernabeu and will tell you how

this man of little wealth has already achieved so much for Spain and how his latest mighty project of a Sports City on the outskirts of Madrid will soon be under way and when completed will be the sporting wonder of the world.

Later, I will take you into the luxury home of Spain's greatest soccer idol—Alfredo di Stefano, jagged as the world's greatest centre-forward and literally worshipped throughout Spain.

The story of Stefano is the most fantastic in all football. His educated feet have lifted him from the back streets of Buenos Aires to the super-swank El Viso suburb of Madrid, where he now rubs shoulders with Royalty.

I will take you, too, to the exclusive mountain resort of El Escorial, 11,000 feet up and 35 miles out of Madrid, and see the "hide-out" of the Real Madrid team. There, in the sumptuous Hotel Felipe II, I talked to team manager Don Jose Villalonga about his team's prospects of beating Manchester United.

Soccer pools in Spain, a 24-shilling seat at a Real Madrid club game, my strange warning to Manchester United, and bull-fighting versus soccer, are highlights which will figure in the story of my mission to Spain.

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COLLINS WINS SYRACUSE GRAND PRIX

Syracuse, Sicily, Apr. 7. Peter Collins of Great Britain, driving an Italian Ferrari, today won the seventh Automobile Grand Prix of Syracuse, covering the 440 kilometres in two hours 40 minutes 11.9 secs at the record average speed of 164.797 kph.

Second was Italy's Luigi Mossa (Ferrari) in 2:41:22.7 and third Britain's Stirling Moss (Vanwall) three laps behind the winner.—United Press.

At 42 His First Major Boxing Championship

Robert McColl, amateur boxer since 1931, won the first major title of his career in Portsmouth last week. McColl, a 42-year-old sub-lieut. in the Royal Navy, beat the holder, 20-year-old junior for the Royal Navy welterweight championship, Walterweight Championship, London Express Service.

SHOW BUSINESS

THE TOP MEN FIGHT FOR SOPHIA LOREN

By LOGAN COURLAY

London. Up and onward goes Sophia Loren. This summer she will film *Stella* in Britain. Her salary will be 250,000 dollars or nearly £100,000 for one film. Which brings her—whether she merits it or not—to the top level.

Two years ago she was practically unknown. Just another Italian lovely with an inflated bust-line. Now she is eclipsing the Hollywood ladies, even in terms of the leading men she commands. Without even visiting the place.

The leading men have come to her. She has filmed with Frank Sinatra, Cary Grant, Alan Ladd, and John Wayne—without leaving Europe.

The next will probably be Gary Cooper, who may star with her in *Stella*.

Writer-producer of the film will be the brilliant Carl Foreman. Before leaving Hollywood five years ago Foreman wrote and co-produced *Cyrano de Bergerac*, *The Champion*, and *High Noon*.

He tells me: "You could describe *Stella* as a kind of sequel to *High Noon*. It's also an investigation into the anatomy of fear."

And also, I'm sure, the £100,000 anatomy of Sophia Loren.

THEME SONG

According to a news report, the title song from the British film musical *The Good Companions* is under consideration as an anthem for U.N.O.

I have a much more realistic suggestion: I Get Along Without You Very Well.

There was a well-stocked cocktail cabinet in the oak-paneled lounge. A ballet slipper autographed by Margot Fonteyn hanging from a wall candelabra. A framed photograph of Ingrid Bergman on the desk. An unframed photograph of Ann Todd and son on the mantelpiece.

It was the lounge of Miss Todd's Kensington home and she was talking about her friends.

"Ingrid is one of my closest. I've just been over to see her in Paris."

"Isn't it wonderful that she's right back on top again? I knew she would be. These things go in cycles."

"I know from my own experience. You have a cycle when everything goes right for you. Or else the other cycle."

Miss Todd has been experiencing the other cycle.

1—She had a serious, nearly-fatal illness last year. She is now fully recovered—but it's practically a miracle. I'm told I was nearly gone."

2—Recent years have not brought her the parts which lift an actress to the pinnacle.

3—Her marriage to film director David Lean broke up three years ago.

"But I'm convinced," she said, "this is going to be my lucky year. Seven is my lucky number. I'm madly superstitious."

She showed me her heavy bracelet which has a miniature souvenir for each film she has made—and a wooden-headed figure of a child.

Gonzales Now 32-14 Up On Rosewall

Troy, N.Y., Apr. 7. Pancho Gonzales rallied to beat Australian Ken Rosewall 6-8, 6-2, 6-4 today in the first professional tennis match here in eight years.

Gonzales now leads the series 32-14 as the tour, promoted by Jack Kramer, heads for Rochester, New York.

Rosewall won the first set on a fast-twisting service. He continued strongly by breaking Gonzales' service in the first game of the second set. But the former Aussie Davis Cup star lost control of his service and Gonzales took six of the next seven games.

Rosewall made a strong start in the third set but again lost control of his service and Gonzales, who has said he plans to quit pro tennis on May 20 because of a hand ailment, went on to take it 6-4.

In the opening singles match, Pancho Segura beat Australia's Dinky Pails 6-0. Then the two Panchos teamed up to beat the Australian pair in the doubles 6-0.—United Press.

It Took A Long Time

Seven months of the football season have gone by, but it was only the other week that the first Meridian League (Birmingham) match was played without a goal being scored. Bourneville, Athleta, and Southwick Town drew goallessly.

"My dresser gave me this. So I can always touch wood."

She touched it, of course, as she added: "Nothing's settled yet, but I may do a play in New York—wonderful part for me. I hope it works out. I'm sure this is 'my year.'"

NO REPLY

Did she expect her marriage to be mended in "her year"? "I don't know. I really don't. I want it to be. I'd like him to come back. But I haven't seen him since he left home. He's been abroad most of the time."

"I've written. But he's never replied."

"Please don't give the impression I'm lonely. I wished her well and said goodbye. She shook hands. And touched wood."

It was an awkward moment—the moment during a Paris when she asks a guest from one of the ringside tables to dance with her, Bobby Howes obliged. Miss Bailey asked him his name.

Unflinchingly he said: "Leslie Henson."

Since about the time Errol Flynn made the unsuccessful *King's Rhapsody* with Anna Neagle he has been what the trade call "box-office poison."

None of the big producers would employ him.

Now Darryl F. Zanuck has given him a leading part with Tyrone Power in *Hamlet*—*The Sun Also Rises*.

I applaud Mr. Zanuck. I've never believed in these arbitrary trade judgments based entirely on the box-office returns of one or two films.

Flynn is not an irreplaceable gift to acting, but he's still a star, heaven help him."

After seeing *Look Back in Anger* Sir Laurence Olivier, I'm told, said he was not at all impressed by the work of the author John Osborne.

Now Sir Laurence is to star in Mr. Osborne's play, *The Entertainer*. Proving that Sir Laurence has changed his opinion—as great men do. Or else it's a very different play.

NUDE ANGER

Young As I Used To Be. Map. WHEN I read during the week that Diana Dora cannot take off the mackintosh she is wearing to pose for a spring-time picture because she is wearing nothing underneath.

WHEN I notice that Miss Jean Dawney, who is a nice girl but no actress, is still exciting more interest in that play *A Hatful of Rain* than any of the professionals, because she appears in one short scene wearing a fur coat with nothing underneath.

It's not that I'm so old that I'm no longer interested in the female figure.

But if they want to exploit nudity there's a static place for them in the Folies Bergere (London version).

George Raft, a worried and puzzled man, phoned me from Hollywood:—

"What's happening over there? My manager calls me and tells me about this trouble over the film and a work permit. I don't get it."

Mr. Raft was referring to that end-of-week announcement that he has been refused a permit by the Ministry of Labour to appear in a British film about London's vice called *Women of the Night*, on the ground that the part could be played by a British actor.

Two weeks previously he had turned down the part of a kidnapper in another British film, *Morning Glory*.

He went on: "Maybe they did refuse me a permit for this *Women of the Night*, though I

don't see why, when they gave me one for the other movie.

"Sure, I suppose it could be played by a British actor. But it's a foreign character called Angelo, like one of these Messia brothers. A guy who lives on prostitutes."

"I decided. It wasn't for me. So why was anybody trying to get a permit for me to play a part I didn't want?"

"I just don't think I could play that kinda part, could you?"

"I'm no actor."

"That's what they say about me."

Mr. Raft rang off.

COMRADE LEX

A publicity bulletin announced:—

"Hollywood is making a film called *Stalin Is Alive*, starring Lex Barker and Zsa Zsa Gabor." Which of them plays Stalin? (London Express Service).

AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE ORDERS

No. 6 Orders by Mr. Allan Drummond, Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service, of April 6, 1957.

Holidays: The 12th April, 1957 being public holiday the training programme for this day is hereby cancelled.

Leave: Stn. Offr. (HC) R. J. Taylor granted 1 month's leave w.e.f. 27.3.57; D.O. (HC) Norman W. J. Algrants leave from 8.4.57 to 29.4.57; S.O. (HC) Yip King-lee granted 3 weeks' local leave w.e.f. 27.3.57.

(Sgd.) Peter Chung, Deputy Supt. A.F.S.

NOTICE

Band Concert: The A.F.S. Band will give a public performance on Friday, 12th April, 1957 at the MacPherson Playground, Kowloon, from 11.00 to 12.00 hours. All members, their families, relatives and/or friends are cordially invited to attend.

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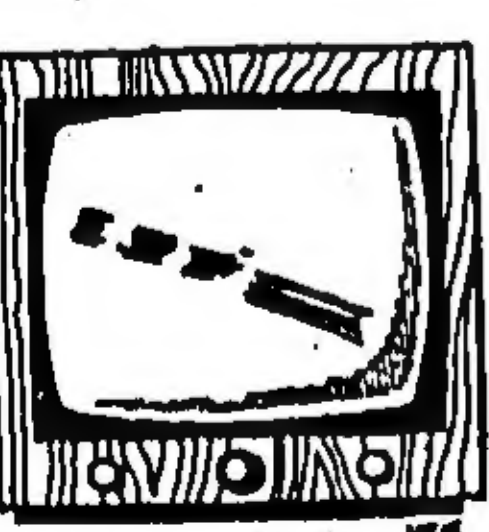
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- 2 Planes
- 3 Letters
- 4 Naval vessel
- 5 Surgeon?
- 6 Transmitter?
- 7 Continent
- 8 Secret writing?
- 9 Short wave?
- 10 Guns
- 11 Means of communication

NAMESAKES

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FOR DEPENDABILITY

Sports Diary

TODAY

Billiards Exhibition by Walter Lindrum at Macpherson Stadium, 8 p.m.
Hongkong Chinese FA Selection Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

Billiards Exhibition by Walter Lindrum at Macpherson Stadium, 8 p.m.
Football Association Council Meeting, Sports Road, 9 p.m.
Hongkong Football Association Council Meeting, Sports Road, 9 p.m.
Entries Close for Eleventh (Easter) Race Meeting, noon.
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GALA PREMIERE

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1957
AT 9:30 P.M.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Malayan Timber For BW Parquet
FlooringNew Process Used By
Federation Factory
More Economical

Tucked away out-of-sight behind a Chinese distillery in the rapidly developing industrial section of Petaling Jaya in Malaya is a flourishing modern factory which produces terrazzo tiles and parquet flooring.

The factory, which is the enterprise of The China Engineers Ltd., was completed in May last year and has been producing terrazzo tiles since that date. Its products are now being worked in Hongkong.

Last month a new division for the manufacture of parquet flooring was set up in the factory and a new company BW Parquet (Malaya) Ltd. was formed to look after these interests.

The China Engineers Ltd. act as secretaries and general managers of this company.

INVENTION

The BW Parquet process was invented several years ago in Switzerland by Bauwerk Ltd., the world famous manufacturers of parquet flooring.

This process produces a very much more economical, durable and beautiful parquet flooring than the normal tongued and grooved process.

For its production in Malaya local timbers, mainly kempas and keruing, have been found to be extremely suitable. Hitherto most of the parquet flooring in Malaya has been made from expensive imported teak.

All the timber used for BW Parquet is felled before processing so that it is completely termite-proof.

In a similar process used in the assembly of mosaic tiles, the squares are then transported to the inspection bench where they are inspected for moisture content and symmetry, after which they are packed into cartons to await dispatch.

Each carton contains about 55 square feet of flooring.

BW Parquet is not only used in Malaya and Singapore but has already been exported overseas to Hongkong and North Borneo.

As the moisture content required in these areas differs it is necessary to kiln-dry the timber to various percentages of moisture.

LAYING

For instance when the flooring is intended for use in an air-conditioned building the moisture content has to be reduced to 12 per cent. In non-air conditioned buildings the right moisture content is as much as 15 to 16 per cent.

BW Parquet can be laid extremely quickly causing very little inconvenience to the contractors or householder, as

is a great advantage over the normal tongued and grooved flooring.

Trained layers can lay between 400 to 500 square feet per day. When China Engineers install and lay the flooring themselves their quotation includes the cost of materials, laying, sanding, and polishing. The average cost works out at about \$1.20 per square foot of laid flooring.

BW Parquet has also been successfully used for wall paneling, doors, table tops, laboratory floors and even ceilings. It can be laid on almost any foundation.



Girls assemble the small oblong pieces of wood into jigs in parquet designs. The factory gives employment to 65 persons.

SUB-MINIATURE
RADIO COMPASS
FOR INDIA

The High Commission for India in London have ordered a quantity of Marconi Sub-Miniature Radio Compasses type AD. 722. These equipments will be installed in fighter aircraft now on order for the Indian Air Force.

The AD. 722 has also been chosen for the three light-weight fighter aircraft selected by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and is already flying in the first prototype of one of these machines.

The equipment was developed by Marconi for the Royal Air Force to meet the requirement for a radio compass of exceedingly small weight and also suitable for operation at high altitudes. It is designed to operate unpressurised at altitudes up to 70,000 ft. and the complete installation weighs only 22 lbs.

The design incorporates new techniques in airborne direction finding, including the use of a fixed cross-loop aerial, which has no moving parts. The loops are moulded in plastic in a unit only half an inch high, which can be mounted outside the aircraft below a shallow housing, providing a low-drag installation even on high-speed aircraft. The use of a fixed aerial entirely eliminates the troubles experienced with rotating loops, particularly at high altitudes.

The AD. 722 Sub-Miniature Radio Compass marks an important advance in the design of aeronautical radio equipment, a field in which Marconi's have been pre-eminent since the earliest days of air radio.

Mobile Crane Has
Removable Tail
Ballast Weights

Two features introduced at the Crown Works of Steels Engineering Products Ltd, Crown Works, Sunderland, England, are expected to prove of great value to users of large capacity mobile cranes. They are self-erecting jibs and removable tail ballast weights.

The easy removal of the tail-weight has been developed in order to comply with the road regulations of the United Kingdom and many countries overseas with regard to maximum permissible axle loads.

Not only has removal been made easy, but removal and replacement can be carried out by the crane itself. Tail ballast weights are bolted to the underside of the superstructure base and actual removal is carried out by hydraulically operated power jacks.

To remove the tail ballast weight, the crane superstructure is slewed over the rear position, slew lock inserted, and all but two of the ballast weight securing bolts removed. The power jacks on the chassis are operated to extend and take the weight of the ballast. The final two bolts are then removed and the jacks are lowered until the ballast weight is clear of the superstructure.

Forward Position

Next, the superstructure is slewed to the forward position and should the crane be equipped with 30 feet jib, the ballast weight is lifted clear of the crane by the hoist rope. Should the jib be longer than 30 feet the ballast is lifted clear of the crane by the crane hook, onto which is looped a suitable sliding sheave arranged on the underside of the lower section of the jib specially for this purpose. Hydraulic power is supplied by an engine-driven pump and control valves are fitted to the system.

The self-erecting jibs may be of angular or tubular construction with hinged pin joints. The derrick arrangement differs slightly from that of the standard bolted flange joint jibs and incorporates a gantry mast, the purpose of which is to raise the position of the equalising sheaves

in the derrick reeling system above the centre line of the jib. A special tubular link is supplied with the gantry mast which may be attached to the mast and to the lower section of the jib for positioning the sections prior to jib erection.

Remove Jib

If it is desired to remove a jib extension piece, the joint nearer to the jib feet is dismantled first, the whole of the remainder of the jib being supported. The pins are then removed from the second joint, thus leaving the extensive section free for removal. With a short sling attached to one of the jib joint eyes, the jib extension section is raised by the derricking motion and not by the hoisting motion.

Compressor's
Latest Panel

A new control and protection panel for air compressor installations has been developed by a British firm of mining, quarrying and civil engineering equipment manufacturers.

In addition to providing temperature and pressure data for both air compression stages, the panel records cooling water temperature and lubricating oil pressures and temperature.

Protection is provided by an automatic shut-down system operating from the air delivery thermometers, oil pressure and cooling water flow interlocks. In any of these result in the plant coming to a standstill. Unrectified faults in the panel itself also result in shut-down.

The self-contained panel, for floor or wall mounting, is totally enclosed and suitable for all compressor installations by the same manufacturer, whether they are new or already in service. It can be supplied in either flameproof or standard industrial form.

INSTRUMENTS

The instruments include three pressure gauges for recording air delivery pressure from both air compression stages and oil pressure. Easy-reading dial type thermometers record inlet and discharge temperatures from both air compression stages as well as cooling water and oil temperatures. Each protective instrument has a red warning lamp to indicate the source of the fault in addition to an audible alarm which can be remotely fitted as necessary.

Available panels cater for both water and air cooled, and splash and pressure lubricated machines. There is also a "utility" range of panels which do not include protection against oil pressure failure or visual fault indication. (Firm: Holman Brothers Ltd, Cambrone, Cornwall, England.)

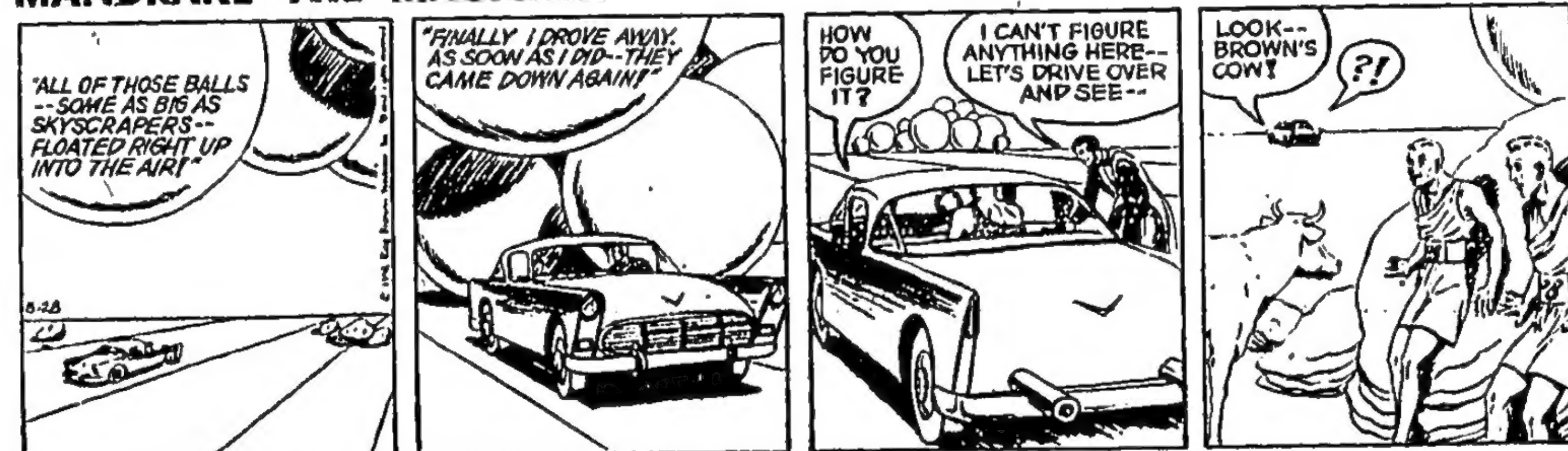
TWIN PIONEERS
FOR BORNEO

The Scottish-built 16 seat Prestwick Twin Pioneer aircraft has been chosen to reinforce the internal air service in the Borneo territories of Sarawak, North Borneo and Brunei. Developed with just such areas in mind, the Twin Pioneer has proved its capabilities by operating from tiny, remote landing strips in the jungle-covered hills of Malaya.

The Government of the three Borneo territories placed an order for two planes after officials watched the manufacturers demonstrate the Twin Pioneer in Borneo. The planes are expected to be delivered before the end of the year.

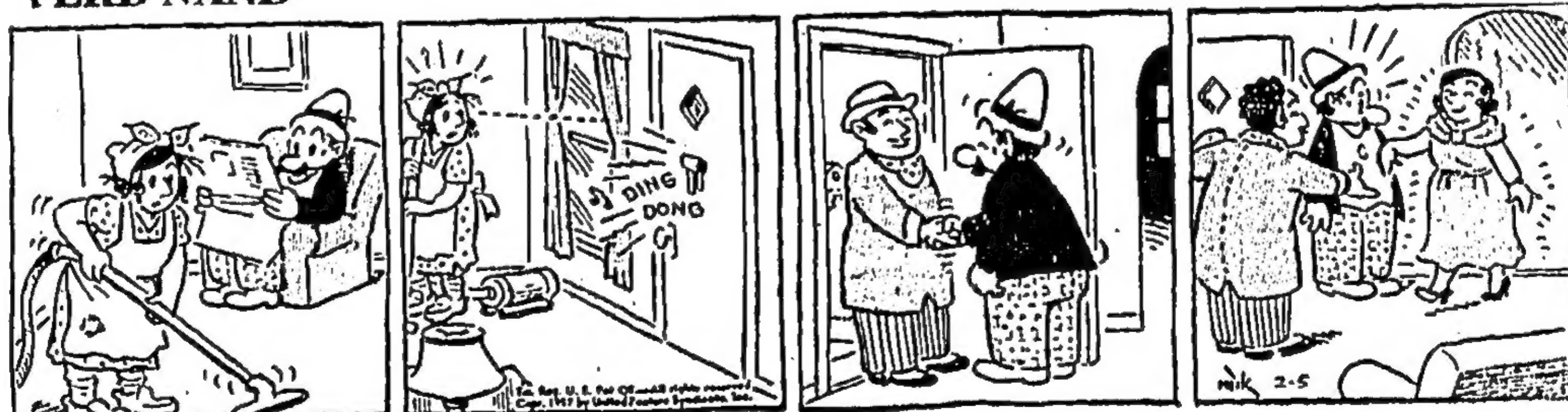
The Twin Pioneer is a development of the single-engine Prestwick Pioneer, known for its exceptionally short take-off and landing runs through the use of high lift devices. It was developed to provide an economic air service that could be operated from short landing strips in areas where it was economically or physically impossible to build full-scale landing fields. Powered by Avia, Leonides 620/840 hp radial engines, the Twin Pioneer cannot be stalled inadvertently, the manufacturers say. They claim that its unusually low take-off and touch-down speeds, its broad extra capacity in both operators and passengers (Scottish Aviation Ltd, Prestwick, Ayrshire, Scotland).

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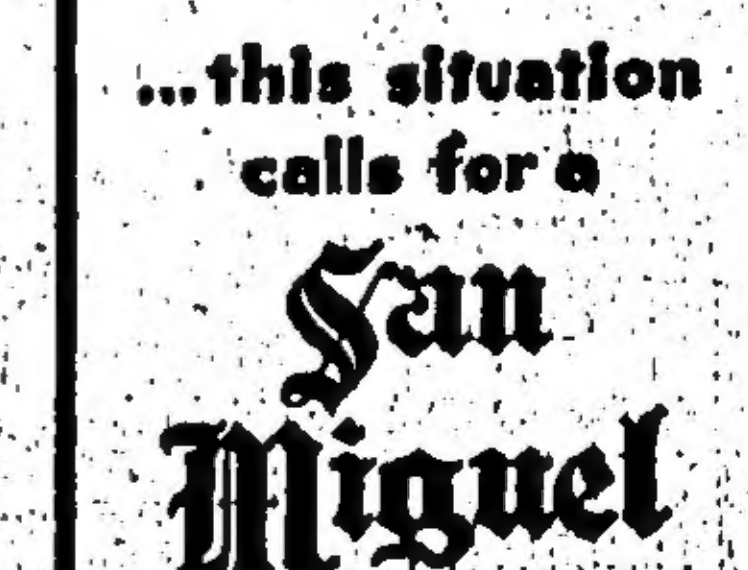
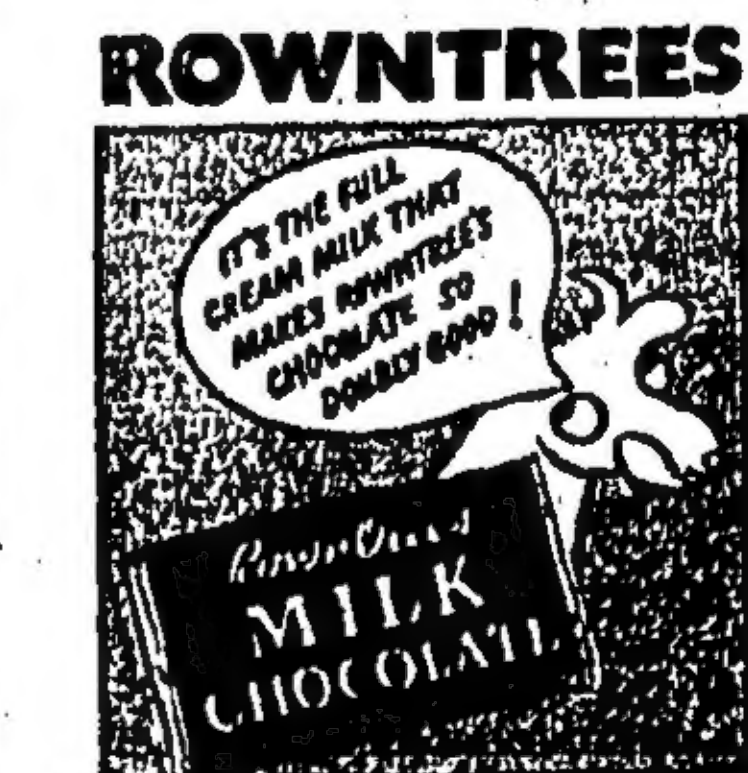


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By Frank Robbins

There's More than Magic
about
CADBURY'S

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

US BUSINESS RECOVERS CONFIDENCE

Strength In Commodities And Stock Market Keeps Weakness From Spreading

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Apr. 7.

February fears of US business recession seemed largely dissipated last week. Business leaders, economic analysts and investment bankers—uncertain during March—recovered their confidence in the face of the following developments:

1. Most over-all business indices are still at or near record levels, with no indication of any significant tendency for existing soft spots to spread.

2. Employment—despite scattered layoffs—is generally

firm and buying power and consumption are sustained.

3. Backlogs in the capital goods industries hold at high levels.

4. Government spending—despite talk of tax cuts—shows no sign of falling off.

5. For 1957 as a whole, business and industry plan capital spending totalling 37,500 million, a gain of 6 1/2 per cent over 1956, with the largest amount of it scheduled for the third and fourth quarters.

Higher Profits

6. Despite fears created by the Suez Canal stoppage, the economies of Europe look stronger than ever, even with strikes in England and some levelling off of Germany's boom.

7. Tight money and increased interest rates on bank loans have served only to brake inflation rather than create the strong deflationary influence feared in some quarters, and banks are showing higher profits.

8. A rash of record corporate earnings reports for 1956 accompanied by predictions of similar levels this year. Typical was the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation's report that its sales for 1956 had topped 500 million for the first time in its history. Sales totalled \$501,405,370, yielding earnings of \$28,109,046, equivalent to \$2.92 per share.

On the debit side of the ledger was the failure of industrial production to make the usual seasonal gain during March, the slump in steel production cutbacks to check inventory accumulation in some lines.

On balance, however, the strong signs in business offset the areas of weakness. Analysts and commentators were impressed by the underlying strength that kept weakness from spreading during a period of uncertainty.

Land Bank To Issue New Bonds

New York, Apr. 7.

The twelve United States federal land banks plan to offer \$203 million of bonds in two issues.

Prices will be announced later. The first issue will be for \$78 million at 3 1/2 per cent, redeemable May 1, 1958, and the second \$125 million on non-callable 4 per cent bonds due on May 1, 1962.

The proceeds will be used to redeem \$170 million of 3.30 per cent bonds falling due on May 1 this year, to repay the interim borrowings from commercial banks and to provide funds for lending operations.

Both issues will be offered for cash and holders of the maturing bonds will have no privileges, a spokesman said.—China Mail Special.

US Export Figures

Washington, Apr. 7.

United States exports in February totalled \$1,603,300,000, the Department of Commerce reports.

This was 4 per cent under January, but 18 per cent above the February, 1956 level.—China Mail Special.

Policy Switch On London Market

London, Apr. 7.

At long last, the country's pattern is correct. If we stick to it, the year 1957 may turn out to be our best year since the war.

Although the Treasury's economy survey does not say this—on the contrary it puts the emphasis on the country's liabilities rather than upon its assets—nevertheless this seems to have been what the brains in the City of London have extracted this week from its cautious pages. At long last we have got complete control of our imports and our exports are rising and rising. We are openly cutting our extravagant military expenditures, reducing our inflationary pressures by so much... and so on.

This explains why the stock market seemed to switch over last week from the policy of buying industrials—because inflation is lifting prices and you get some protection if you own the shares of successful enterprises—to the policy of buying the shares of those concerns likely to make more and more money because things are at last beginning to break right. The Financial Times index of leading industrials advanced steadily all week, closing at 194.7, which is the highest it has been since April last year.

This lengthening of the markets perspective was visible in the demand for the nuclear power shares. C. A. Parsons rose 5 shillings 6 pence. Associated Electrical Industries—a third concern in that field—gained 3 shillings.

Oils Erratic

Of the ordinary ships, the only ones approaching this little aristocracy was Unilever with a rise of 4 shillings 6 pence and Marks and Spencer, the chair store, with one of 3

shillings. Most of them showed gains of a shilling or so.

Oils were extremely erratic. Royal Dutch soared 13 shillings 9 pence to a new peak of 18 1/2 sterling and Shell Transport gained a shilling to 178 shillings 9 pence, close to its peak of 180 shillings 9 pence. Burmah Oil, usually somewhat in the background, gained nearly 7 shillings to 106 shillings, but British Petroleum fell 4 shillings 3 pence and Anglo-Egyptian "B" lumbered 3 shillings 9 pence.

Suez Canal lost 2 1/2 sterling to 80 sterling.

British Governments turned their back on the past few months and rose quite strongly. War Loan gained 17 shillings 6 pence. The Railway Nationalization stock rose 11 shillings and Old Consols nearly 9 shillings.

Foreign bonds were not very active. German Potash ascended Loans gained £1 and the Dawes Loan ascended lost 1/4 sterling. Japanese were almost immobile. Dollar stocks mostly moved upwards by 1 or 2 points.—United Press.

Increasing confidence was reflected during the week by strength in both the stock and commodities markets.

Other developments:

John L. Gardner, industry specialist for a mutual fund investment company, predicted that the United States will be consuming about 15 million barrels of oil daily by 1950, an increase of approximately 50 per cent over present consumption.

Climax Molybdenum Company reported that all its sales during 1956 were to industrial consumers instead of the government for the first time since 1949.

The annual report said the company treated 9,930,000 tons of ore last year and predicted increasing use of the alloying metal in the oil and electrical power industries.—United Press.

US COTTON GOODS MARKET

New York, Apr. 7.

New business in cotton goods—both grey and finished—remained on the quiet side last week.

Buyers continued to practice extreme caution, taking on just enough merchandise to satisfy immediate ill-in needs, and avoiding future commitments.

Market analysts expect the current wall-and-see buyer attitude to continue a while longer. They reminded that the second quarter traditionally is the slack period of the year.

However, an undercurrent of optimism continued to be manifested. Sources looking for an improvement, as soon as the biggest part of the second quarter past, pointed out: 1. The volume of second-hand offerings have decreased sharply. 2. The stiffening attitude of mills on prices, with one executive asserting the 18 cent level for the the 80-square print to be "rock bottom" compared with recent resales down to 17 1/2 cents. 3. The trickling supply flowing through the consumer pipeline.

PIPE LINES

A top industry leader last week indicated pipe lines between unfinished goods and retail outlets are rapidly emptying and that "the short range prospect for market improvement is favourable," and for the longer range, "there is reason for optimism."

However, mills working with "more than comfortable" inventories said they would like to see more definite signs of a business pick-up, a development marked by the second quarter, "becomes less apparent."

Buying in wide industrial fabrics also continued on the slow side. Users limited commitments to covering nearby needs for spot lots of satens, wide drills and broken twills. In ducks, the picture was similar. Prices were largely nominal, with each sale going through on an individual basis as sellers untroubled every bid.

Yarn spinners also reported a quiet situation. Yarn commitments were limited to small lots for nearby delivery, a trend apparent since last November.

LULL

The lull in carded and combed sections seemed to be spreading to mercerized counts, which recently have been relatively active.

In worsted yarns, Boston accounts said the demand continued at a virtual standstill, with the price tone mixed. One veteran agent described the situation as a "buyers' strike." Meanwhile, raw wool in world markets showed a strong tone. Australia markets rose close to three cents. Domestic values also firmed.

Rayon grey goods ruled slow as the market entered the traditionally slow second quarter. Prices for the most part ruled steady to firm.—United Press.

GM Sales Last Month Best For 1957 Models

Detroit, Apr. 7.

Sales of the General Motors Corporation new cars in March were the best for any month since the start of the 1957 model run last autumn, according to company sources.

The report combined the March sales of Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Cadillac divisions which were 21 per cent above what the officials had forecast for the month.

But the sales in March were not as good as in March 1956, the sources said.—China Mail Special.

WEEKLY NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Apr. 7.

Cotton futures turned irregular this past week after a buoyant start, but still managed to close on higher ground for the third time in a row.

Prices at Friday's close ruled unchanged to up 10 points, unchanged to up 80 cents a bale compared with the preceding week.

But activity slackened generally, with the period under review proving one of the slowest of the year.

Overhanging uncertainties dealing with the crop picture, plus future government policy on price supports and pending farm legislation kept buyers and sellers in a reserved frame of mind.

Buyers paused additionally in face of the brightening crop picture, particularly after recent generous rains over the previously drought-stricken areas of the southwest, reducing the discouragingly slow trade in the textile market.

Conversely, sellers were conscious of the influences of the soft bank programme, plus the improving statistical picture being drawn by the unexpectedly high rate of raw cotton exports and prospects for a higher government loan rate.

BOOST CHANCES

Agriculture Secretary Benson held chances are good for a boost in the cotton support price before the new marketing year begins on Aug. 1.

The Secretary thought the interim support rate, announced in February was "a bit conservative." If it appears, after review, the carryover of crop estimates are too high, or if domestic consumption and export estimates are too low, the Secretary said he would boost supports before the new season gets under way.

The Agriculture Department raised its forecast of cotton exports this season to a little more than 7,000,000 bales, but trimmed the prediction on domestic consumption to 8,750,000 bales. The figures would compare with only 2,200,000 bales shipped last season and a domestic use of 9,200,000 bales.

Total use forecast of 15,750,000 bales indicated an end-season carryover next Aug. 1 of 12,029,000 bales against a 14,529,000 bales surplus carried over into the current season.

Interest in farm legislation next week is expected to centre on House Agriculture Committee hearings on a bill to permit lower market prices for new cotton by Federal subsidies to the growers. The legislation would enable domestic mills to buy cotton in competition with foreign mills thus strengthening the competitive position of cotton with synthetic fibres and guaranteeing cotton consumption. It was felt.—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Answers—1. Signalling. 2. Submarine. 3. Message. 4. Wireless. 5. American. 6. Code. 7. Radio. 8. Dishes. 9. Telegraphy. 10. Samuel Morse.

World Economic And Industrial Activity Reach New Peaks

By NORMAN J. MONTELLIER

New York, Apr. 7.

World economic and industrial activity mushroomed to new peaks in 1955 to match a steady rise in population and living standards around the globe, the United Nations' statistical yearbook for 1956 reported today.

The 646-page UN volume, which has won international acclaim as one of the most impressive statistical reference works in the world, ranges over all phases of progress. Its compilation of data is a staggering record of man's growth.

Part of the 1955 record showed:—World population up to 2,691,000,000, a jump of 450 million in 15 years. More than half of all the people live in Asia, Europe (excluding the Soviet Union) is the most densely populated and the Pacific island zone called Oceania is the least crowded.

—World production, excluding the Soviet Union, East Europe and Communist China, was up 10 per cent over 1954 and by mid-1956 was up another five per cent—or more than twice as high as the 1937 prewar peak.—World trade in 1955 set a postwar record, going nine per cent above 1954 and 2 1/2 times the 1937 mark. The dollar area countries of the United States, Canada and part of Latin America, accounted for 30 per cent of world exports in 1955.

Trading Nations

The United States continues to be the largest trading nation accounting for 10 per cent of total world trade in 1955, compared with 13 per cent in 1937. Britain, the leader in 1937 with 16 per cent of the total, slipped to 11 per cent in 1955. West Germany was the third largest trader in the world in 1955, followed by France and Canada.

The world is eating more all the time with 3,000 or more calories a day, an average consumption figure in most countries. In Burma, Ceylon and India calorie consumption was just under 2,000 per day per capita and in Honduras, Pakistan and Japan where the figure was barely over 2,000.

World energy consumption was up 10 per cent in 1955, representing an 82 per cent increase since 1937. The United States alone accounted for almost 40 per cent of consumption of commercial sources of energy—coal, petroleum and electricity. Compared with 1937, Latin America made the greatest progress in energy consumption with a jump of 221 per cent. Africa showed a 101 per cent rise over 1937.

Vehicular Traffic

Vehicular traffic is a problem everywhere. In 1955, outside Russia, East Europe and China, there were 73 million passenger cars, 71 per cent of them in the United States.

Merchant shipping has risen steadily since the war. In 1955, world tonnage was 20 per cent above 1947 and 50 per cent over prewar figures. Tanker tonnage in 1955 was 2 1/2 times the 1938 figure and represented 55 per cent of the total. It was 20 per cent less than in 1947.

The U.S. merchant fleet was 30 per cent greater than Britain's with Norway, Liberia, Panama, France and Italy following in that order. Liberia, a shipping registration haven, showed a 60 per cent jump in tonnage between 1954 and 1955 to move ahead of Panama in that category.

Britain has the biggest tanker fleet with 5,201,000 registered tons, followed by the United States with 4,321,000 tons. Norway, 1,173,000 tons, Liberia, 2,595,000 tons, Italy, 2,210,000 tons, and Panama 2,134,000 tons.

Ship loading in 1955 were 14 per cent up from 1954 and 67 per cent above the 1937 or the 1948 marks.

Social Field

In the social field, there were slower gains. A census review in the yearbook indicated that houses of one or two rooms constituted the most common type of dwelling in less developed countries—80 per cent of the total in British Guiana; 85 per cent in Paraguay; 85 per cent in El Salvador; 82 per cent in Jamaica; 81 per cent in Ceylon; 75 per cent in Haiti.

In health, the statistics showed critical gaps still existing. In 1955 there were 230 persons per

Industrial Average Gain Biggest For Year On NY Mart

By ROBERT G. SHORTAL

New York, Apr. 7.

Stocks scored one of the best gains of the year last week on increased volume. The rise added almost 1,000,000,000 dollars to market valuations.

The gain in the industrial average was the biggest for any week of 1957. The rails had their best week since early January. Utilities at one time were at a new 26-year high.

All sections of the market finished near their highs for the week. Buying was stimulated by renewed talk of a possible tax cut early next year and assurances 1957 will be a good year for the economy in general.

Many issues reacted strongly to individual corporate developments. Freeport Sulphur ran up 4 1/2 on news of a \$100,000,000 cobalt and nickel expansion programme. Zenith soared 12 1/2 points to \$112 1/2 on published reports the Federal Trade Commission probably will approve experimental pay-as-you-see television. Zenith has developed a pay-TV system.

Steels

Lukens Steel featured its group with a gain of 5 1/2 points. This advance was scored in the face of a 7 1/2 point loss on Thursday stemming from profit-taking. Following publication of a good earnings forecast, and reports another extra dividend was being considered by directors.

The Dow-Jones weekly averages showed industrials at 477.61, up 2.80—the best weekly gain since Dec. 7, 1956; rails at 149.44, up 1.38—the best since the week ended on Jan. 4 this year; utilities 71.01 up 0.14, and 65 stocks 168.99, up 0.99—the best gain since Jan. 4.

A total of 9,740,000 shares changed hands last week against 8,648,605 shares in the previous week. On a daily average basis, trading rose to 1,048,168 shares—the best since the week of Feb. 15—from 1,709,733 shares a week earlier.

Level Off

Market sentiment was aided last week by numerous reports that soft spots showing up in the economy do not press sharply downward in economic activity. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the First National City Bank of New York both said they look for the economy to level off at its present high level.

Continued strength in oil operations helped that group. Barber Oil ran up 3 1/2, Royal Dutch 2, and Gulf, Phillips, Pure Oil, Sinclair and Socony Mobil better than 1 each. Motors strengthened on reports of an improvement in new car sales. Chemicals were good, with Union Carbide, Allied and Eastman Kodak up more than a point each.

Numerous statements by administration officials urging Congress not to cut defence ex-

Good Gainers

Metal shares had a number of wide moves, including Reynolds Metals, selling ex-rights up 4 1/2, Anaconda up 1 1/2, Kennecott up 2 1/2 and Hudson Bay Mining up 2 1/2. Alcoa lost 1 and Aluminum 1 1/2 in the Aluminums.

Good gainers included CBS "A" and "B" stocks, both up better than 2; American Home Products, up 3; Olin Mathieson, up 2 1/2; Schering, up 2 1/2; Texton, up 2 1/2; Pitkin, up 3; Goodrich, up 3 1/2 and Tinkler Roller, up 3 1/2.

Houston Lighting and El Paso Natural gas rose more than 2 each in the utilities but Peoples Gas fell 5 1/2. Virginian featured the rails with a gain of 3 1/2 and Kansas City Southern rose 3 1/2.

A total of 1,384 shares were traded last week, of which 708 advanced, 480 declined and 196 held unchanged. New highs were hit by 140 stocks and new lows by 121.—United Press

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 7.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 3, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation 1,915,183,532
Public deposits 10,784,007
Private deposits 280,802,074
Government securities 2,201,629
Other securities 14,728,843
Reserves 12,510,929
Ratio 41
—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 7.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 29, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings 301,204,302.400
Total other currencies 14,233,706.014
Sight balances abroad 2,201,629
In ECU 22,771,000.000
Advanced to Stabilisation 19,100,000.000
Total bills discounted 1,854,592,000.000
Bank notes in circulation 3,051,537,711.300
Current accounts and deposits 214,361,565,738
—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent).

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$252,000. No quotations and the morning's transactions:

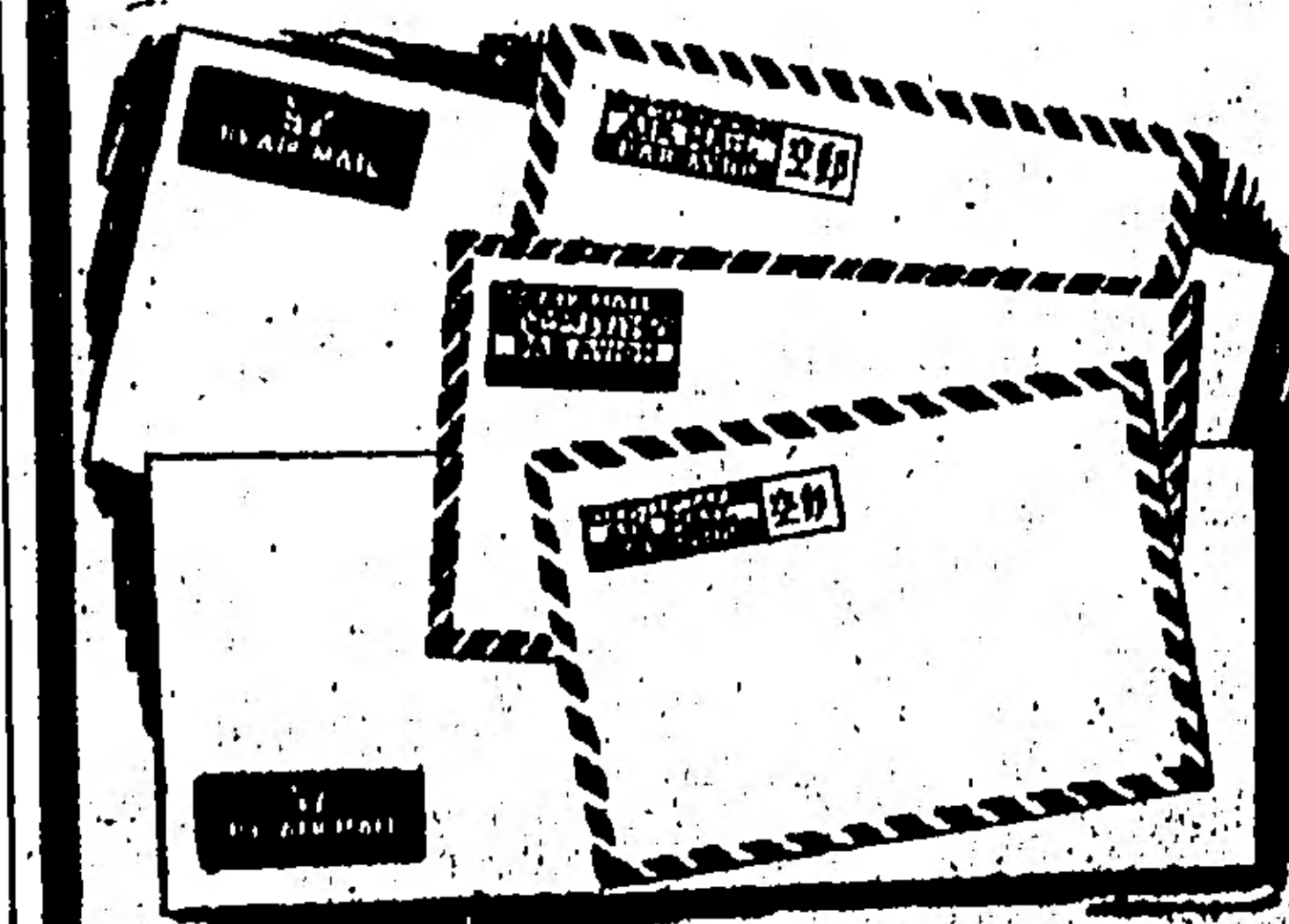
Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank	1045	1070	10 @ 1003
East Asia			244
SHIPPING			
Wharfedale	6.65	6.75	1000 @ 6.70
DOCKS, etc.			
K. Wharf	100	102	
P. Wharf	44	45	
Provident			13.20
LAND, etc.			
HK Hotel	14.20	14 1/2	300 @ 14.40
HK Land			30 1/2 @ 11
Hampshire	18.40	18.50	
Realty	130.1	137 1/2	2500 @ 1.35
RUBBER			
Amalg	1.45	1.47 1/2	5000 @ 1.45
UTILITIES			
Tram	21.30	103	100 @ 103
Yamutai	102	103	80 @ 103
Star Ferry	22.20	23 1/2	200 @ 23.30
C. Light (C)	22.20	23 1/2	100 @ 23.30
Electric	22.10	23.30	100 @ 23.30
Telephone	24.40	24.00	1200 @ 24 1/2
			303 @ 24 1/2
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	33 1/2	33	3000 @ 32 1/2
STONES, etc.			
Delta	10	10 1/2	500 @ 10
Wang	11.00	11.70	
Lawson			200 @ 22.20
Investments			
Yongtze	0.10	0.50	
			9.85

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 1.17
Sterling (per £1) 12.01
Australian dollar (per \$1) 10.50
Hong Kong dollar (per \$1) 10.50
New Zealand dollar (per \$1) 10.50
Singapore (dollar) 1.50

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